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The Distribution Center
Washington [redacted], D. C.

FEB 28 1963

Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
~~United States Senate~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

We have your referral dated February 13, of a letter dated February 7, from Diane Frechin, ~~Bremerton~~, Washington, in which she protests the ~~recent seizure~~ of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

Before making this seizure, a very careful investigation was made by our organization. The investigation developed that the E meter is nothing more than a simple galvanometer for conveying and measuring minute amounts of current from a small dry cell battery which is passed through the body when the tin can electrodes of the circuit are held in the hands. In a previous case involving a device of comparable construction, we had been able to establish that this type of machine has no value whatsoever in diagnosing or treating any disease of man. Nonetheless, the voluminous literature distributed by the Academy and the Guidance Center contains many representations that this device will treat and diagnose, detect and eliminate, all mental and nervous disorders and such serious diseases as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, radiation burns, and poliomyelitis, which are all classified as psychosomatic ailments in the literature.

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an inspection on October 17, 1962, the top members of this organization advised our inspectors that the benefits of the E meters could be achieved by any individual without any interest or belief in the church.

We have a statement from a person who was told at the Academy that the religious angle was adopted for tax purposes. We have a written explanation by L. Ron Hubbard to the effect that the religion idea would enable practitioners to get into hospitals, prisons and other places where they otherwise would not be permitted. And we have a promotional statement that use of a religious title will increase the practitioners earnings among polio victims. We have a letter signed by a responsible person in the organization claiming the devices to be diagnostic machines.

We are confident that we have the facts to establish that the E meters are diagnostic and therapeutic devices and not religious symbols or tools.

Before undertaking this case, we submitted all of the facts to our General Counsel's office and they were discussed in considerable detail at the Department of Justice. Of course, the possibility that the religious defense would be made was recognized, but our attorneys concluded after reviewing the facts we had collected that this serious health menace could be dealt with without any involvement in religious questions.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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United States Senate

February 13, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Department of Health, Education & Welfare

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Magnuson U. S. S.

WARREN G. MAGNUSON, USS

re: Frechin

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Box [illegible] 838
Brewster, Wash.
February 7, 1963

Senator Warren Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Senator,

I would like to inform you of something illegal which has been going on in Washington, D. C. , lately. It concerns a violation of Article 1 of the Bill of Rightts, by an agency of the United States Government.

On January 4, 1963, the U.S. Government conducted an organized smear campaign in the press to cover up an armed raid on the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C. This is a legally constituted church. At the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, a large force of U.S. Marshals entered the church premises and seized the Church's philosophical and religious book stocks. These texts are scheduled to be burned or otherwise "disposed of" by the government. This constitutes a grave threat to our freedoms of religion and of the press.

I used to believe that the Federal Government should be given even more power than it now has, but after this disgraceful episode I am convinced that there is something very rotten and very dangerous in Washington, and that to give the government more power now would be like kissing democracy goodbye forever.

The founder of the Church of Scientology, Mr. L. Ron Hubbard, has made the following statements concerning the raid:

"As an author, this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?"

" But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized, or burned?"

" As the author of these books I am shocked to be told not to speak to Man about Freedom or the Spiritual Laws of Life."

" Tomorrow you too may have to start being careful about what you write. If they let us continue to write at all."

Thank you for reading this letter. I hope you will look into this matter at once.

Most Respectfully,

2564 Diane Freeman

SEATTLE DISTRICT
ATTENTION: MR. MONFORE

February 28, 1963

Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Hubbard E Meters
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L. Ron Hubbard
Founding Church of Scientology
The Distribution Center, Inc.
~~Washington, D. C.~~

Mr. Victor Lygdman, Jr.
5259 University Way #101
Seattle, Washington

We have received a copy of a letter addressed to the Department of Justice from Mr. Lygdman in which he indicates several contacts with members of the Scientology Organization. Mr. Lygdman was apparently a member of the Board of the local Mental Health Association. He indicates that he has received invitations to meetings from a girl "who was close to being psychotic" and that at one time he was a member of a group who combined Scientology with occult practices. He indicates that one woman in this group "was admitted to a mental hospital suffering from a complete breakdown the day after a Scientologist 'auditor' had pronounced her clear."

Mr. Lygdman also indicates that the Seattle telephone directory lists an "Institute of Scientific Relaxation" at 1012 Northeast Ravina Boulevard.

Please interview Mr. Lygdman to determine his knowledge of the various organizations as indicated in the DRM briefing memorandum of January 24, 1963. Please also attempt to determine if the Institute of Scientific Relaxation is, in fact, an organization connected with Scientology.

Van W. Smart

Enclosure:
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The Distribution Center
Washington 25, D. C.

Honorable Philip J. Philbin
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

FEB 28 1963

Dear Mr. Philbin:

We have your letter of February 14, 1963, enclosing a portion of a letter from a constituent of yours discussing the seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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PHILIP J. PHILBIN
3D DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON
ARMED SERVICES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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February 14, 1963

Mr. Malcolm R. Stephens
Bureau of Enforcement
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Room 3360, H.E.W. Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear friend:

I would appreciate it very much if you would read the enclosure from one of my constituents concerning a case which he states infringed upon the rights of a religious organization.

Please return the enclosure together with your comments and views.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Philbin

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How are you? Hope you are getting along well. Keep up the good work.

Regards all

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Another matter of great importance has come to my attention, which hasn't seen the light of publicity : That is the infringement on the rights of a religious organization by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

The organization: Founding Church of Scientology, situated in Washington, D.C. the address is 1812 19th St., North West, Washington 9.

It started out with an embargo by the FDA on what is called an E-meter. The referred meters are produced in England as they are more sensitive that American meters. This is a gadget designed to determine the emotional status of an individual and is used only by leaders who are called Auditors. It is not a therapeutic instrument, merely a recording one. In no sense of the word can it be claimed that it is used to cure anyone or anything.

During the first week in January, according to a letter I have received from the Church, which I quote:

> "Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church."

In regard to the meters being held up by the FDA, the following report is made:

> "Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Adminsitration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United States. But up to this time the Church and its Attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or to the Courts."
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> "Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khruschev in Russia."

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

FEB 27 1963

Mrs. Frederick W. Hiort
Brookside Road
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Hiort:

Your letter of January 17, which was submitted by Mr. Richard E. Venza, Acting Postmaster, Ridgefield, Connecticut, to Secretary Celebrezze, has been referred to this office for reply. You ask that steps be taken to bring about the removal of your name from the mailing list of the Church of Scientology.

This Agency has no control over the use of the mails. We have talked to the Post Office Department and they indicate that their powers in this regard are somewhat limited but that they may be able to give you helpful suggestions. We are, therefore, referring your correspondence to them and you may expect to hear further from them.

With respect to the most recent material you have received from the Scientology Organization, you may be interested to learn that this Agency recently had occasion to make a seizure of a number of E meters and associated literature as labeling on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C. The devices were alleged to be misbranded because of unwarranted therapeutic claims. The case is still pending.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Mr. Richard E. Venus
Acting Postmaster
United States Post Office
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. Venus:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1963. I deeply appreciate your kind words regarding my appointment to the President's Cabinet.

Thank you also for bringing to our attention a letter from Mrs. Frederick W. Hiort, Ridgefield, Connecticut, who is objecting to certain literature being sent to her by the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C. I have asked the appropriate staff in the Department to look into the matter and reply to Mrs. Hiort with an information copy to you.

Sincerely,

Secretary

Mr. Richard E. Venus
Acting Postmaster
United States Post Office
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1963.

Dept. of Health
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

May I ask you to do whatever is necessary to have this undesirable literature prevented from being sent to me through the mail.

I have requested & returned said articles, unopened, to sender many times but to no avail.

Will you please investigate its purpose and have my name taken from their mailing list.

Hoping to hear from you and thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

Marietta B. Hiort

Mrs. Frederick W. Hiort
Brookside Rd.
Ridgefield, Conn.

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IN REPLYING
MENTION INITIALS AND DATE

United States Post Office
Ridgefield, Conn.

Feb. 6, 1963

Hon. Anthony Celebresse, Sec.
Dept. of Health Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am sending the enclosed material to you for your consideration. Mrs. Frederick W. Hiort of Brookside Road, Ridgefield, Conn., appeared at my office the other day and complained that she found the enclosed material to be objectionable and had so informed The Founding Church of Scientology of 1812, 19th St. North West, Washington 9, D.C., and had requested on numerous occasions to have her name taken off their mailing list but to no avail and she still continues to receive this matter as her enclosed letter states.

I agreed to send this material to you in the hope that some action could be taken to correct this situation. It would be appreciated if you would let me know how this matter will be resolved as I am of course greatly interested in the wild charges made by this group. They do sound quite fanatical.

May I take this opportunity of belatedly congratulating you on your appointment to the Presidents cabinet in this most important position. You of course would not remember me but I did have the pleasure of meeting you in Cleveland on August 21st 1958, when my wife and I visited there and I was a delegate from Conn.to the Knights of Columbus National Convention.

We gathered from the local people at that time that you were much loved in Cleveland and I am sure that you will earn even greater esteem in your new venture. Ridgefield has a large Italian population and you can well imagine that many of my freinds were overjoyed at your justly deserved appointment. I am the acting Postmaster in this town through the efforts of Senator Dodd, who is a personal freind and hope to make my own appointment permanent in the coming months. Good luck and may God Bless you.

Respectfully yours,
Richard E Venus
Richard E. Venus
Acting Postmaster
Ridgefield, Conn.

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A SECOND STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD January 6, 1963

Commenting on the recent armed raid on the Church of Scientology, under the direction of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the seized philosophical and religious texts which are sheduled to be burned or otherwise 'disposed of' by the U.S. Government, said:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President Kennedy my assistance and the help of Scientology in narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested ted from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise men's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when Kennedy had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realize that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. Kennedy on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, If President Kennedy did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUBBARD

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Necessarily, all the facts will be given to the Court, in the hope and expectation that it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology ... will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed without authorization from him.

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A STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD FOR THE PRESS

January 5, 1963

"Although I have few details all I can make of this is that the United States Government, not some special interest using the government, has launched an attack upon religion and is seizing and burning books of philosophy.

"Spiritual healing being legal under the laws of the District does not in any way influence or explain this action. The meter neither heals nor diagnoses. We or any doctor know that. The books do not talk about healing. They talk of the Laws of Life and the Spiritual Character of Man. They are not subversive nor pornagraphic nor do they specialize in healing. So the charges are completely false and will soon be disproven in Court.

"As an author this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?

"We have won through many attacks. If there was anything truly wrong with us we would have fallen years ago. We are still alive and the sun never sets on our organizations. We will win through this one with ease as we have done nothing wrong.

"But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized or burned?

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L. RON HUBBARD

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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1963

Will Glass
315 Magie Avenue
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Glass:

We have your letter of January 19, 1963, inquiring about the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C.

We are enclosing a copy of the FDA Report on Enforcement and Compliance for January 1963 where the action is reported on page 6.

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We are always pleased to supply such information as we can concerning our operations to members of the public and we assure you that it is no trouble. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

Enclosure:
FDA Report

cc Balt
cc NY
cc GC
cc BFA

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January 19, 1963

Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare. attn
Washington, D.C. (F.D.A)

Gentlemen: 4-093 ✓ RM/5

although I realize that I am hereby putting a good and underfinanced agency to some trouble and expense, I nevertheless request information.

From an ancient mailing list (a very old address of mine in a different town) I received an appeal against you from an organization which styles itself:

"The Founding Church of Scientology"
1812-19th St, N.W. Wash. D.C.

The mailing address must have been retained by a Mr. Hubbard of Dianetic fame (or infame).

Now the letter adjures me to come to their aid

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because of a raid made upon their "Church" within the last few months in which books and a vaguely mentioned "meter" imported instrument were involved — all this by a battallion of U.S. Marshals in violation of the Bill of Rights etc.

It is all as vaguely likely as any of Hubbard's things, and until now I had not known he had a Church and gave up influencing vegetables by thought ~~waves~~.

Specifically, I request information on this action. I tend to congratulate you in advance, but there are a number of people too readily confused by reference to article I of the Constitution — Help me clear them up, please

Will Glass (Ewell)

WILL GLASS
815 MAGIE AVE, ELIZABETH NJ

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

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Atlanta [illegible]

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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trustees. L. Ron Hubbard, President, Mary Sue Hubbard, Secretary, Marilyne [illegible]utsong, Treasu[illegible]
Church services · Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 25, 1963

Dear [illegible] I-D, 3

Not being a member of the Church of Scientology, I still feel that great injustice is being done to their members.

I became a United States Citizen on my own free will, because I thought and felt that the United States is a great Country to live in. I enjoyed being able to live a life as I thought fit and right with no interference from the Government or a party.

And what is the FDA and the U.S Marshals doing to the Church of Scientology?

They are a group of honest feeling people who intend

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to help people They do no harm. Their only desire is to help troubled human beings - as we all are - and try to free them of their own misunderstandings.

What right does the FDA or the U S Marshall have to take that desire away from them? I feel, that this is a very unconstitutional act.

Respectfully!

Chris Coburn

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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

2/22/63

Honorable Edward V. Long
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Long:

We have your referral of February 14, enclosing a letter dated February 6, from Mr. H. Lynn White of Kansas City, Missouri. We have read Mr. White's letter with interest.

The Government has evidence that the E meter is a device and is subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

As you probably know, the question of whether it is a device and whether it is misbranded as alleged, is now before the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. That Court will decide the issues of this case. Since a trial is in the offing, we are not at liberty to discuss further the Government's evidence or the merits of the case with Mr. White. He already has our earlier comments on the subject.

We regret that the circumstances of the case are such that we cannot be more helpful at this time. If we can be of help in other ways, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures
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Ltr. fr. Constituent

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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R/D Signed: JLHarvey

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United States Senate

February 14, 1963

Respectfully referred to
Food and Drug Administration
Washington, D. C.

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for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Edward V. Long U. S. S.

GPO 16—79667-1

FROM: Mr. H. Lynn White
H. Lynn White, Inc.
4110 Main Street
Kansas City 11, Missouri

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February 6, 1963

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Edward V. Long
United States Senator
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter regarding seizure of property of the Church of Scientology, and for the copy of the letter from the deputy commissioner of the FDA.

You invite my comments. To define my point of view, I derive no income in any way from Scientology. I have studied it seriously for nine years, and have benefited from both the study, and from being audited (the term used for therapy) by a practicing auditor licensed by the Church of Scientology.

The point of view of the FDA appears to be that here is an organization making unscrupulous claims, using a machine that has no merit whatever, in fact constitutes a "serious health menace"; this organization using the device of being a church to engage in charlatanism to defraud the public.

Were these viewpoints of the FDA valid, I would applaud their efforts.

However, I know otherwise. Scientology is a valid and - for the first time, to my knowledge - truly scientific approach to the improvement and betterment of the Spirit of Man.

It has been the opinion of many thinking men, that with our tremendous gain in understanding of the physical universe, we would be in a position to learn more about the human spirit.

Scientology is a serious and sincere effort in this field. It is a pioneering development, and being such, it does not fit neatly into the pattern of established fields, such as medicine, or Christianity, etc.

Dealing with the spiritual beingness of man, under our laws, it fits properly as a church organization.

February 6, 1963

The E meter that has been confiscated is a delicate electronic measuring device that is used by a trained Scientology auditor in "auditing" a "Pre-clear". Most of such auditing is getting the pre-clear to unburden himself of past sins, things he has withheld, or buried in his mind. The E meter, which measures minute changes in the electronic field of the body due to emotional stress of contacting such sins, is a valuable tool to the auditor in directing the pre-clears attention to needed areas.

The Church of Scientology makes no claims that the E meter will cure various ailments. It is true that many people have experienced better physical health after achieving better spiritual health.

The FDA seems to be operating on the premise that the organization is guilty until proven innocent.

One of the great strengths of our country has been that a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

So here we have a violation of two basic American rights - the right of freedom of religion, and the right of being innocent until proven guilty by properly constituted courts.

Your help in righting these wrongs is earnestly solicited.

Sincerely yours,

H. Lynn White

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Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25
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4-093V

Subject: Scientology - Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Yesterday we received a series of press releases from the Founding Chuch of Scientology outlining the seizure of certain of their equipment by the FDA.

Have you issued a statement on the reasons for the seizure? Is there any information you could let us have on this case?

Michael J. Gramlich,
Administrative Assistant

MJG:mg

cc: Rev. Stella L. King
Founding Church of Scientology
1900 X Street N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.
Apt. 22

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Honorable Ralph Yarborough
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

FEB 20 1963

Dear Senator Yarborough:

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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Washington, D. C.
February 6th, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

I enclose for your attention and consideration a communication from

Mrs. Otis F. Holliday
2415 ~~Brazorio~~
Houston 19, Texas

Please let me know what may be done regarding the matter referred to therein, returning the enclosure with your reply, and oblige

Yours very sincerely,

Ralph Yarborough

Ralph Yarborough
U. S. Senator from
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Jan 30, 1963,
2415 Bagwin,
Houston 19, Texas

The Honorable Ralph Yarborough,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to you to ask that you look into a report that the Church of Scientology of Washington D.C at 1812 19th Street N.W. has been raided by the Food and Drug administration of the U.S. Department of Health Education and welfare and property including books seized.

I have been benefitted by the processes of this Church and find nothing but help and good in their books.

I am entering my protest to you against this act and hope you will investigate it thoroughly. Freedom of religion may be at stake as well as freedom to write or read books.

Yours,

Betty Halliday,
(Mrs. Otis J. Halliday)

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C.
ADams 2-6296

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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trustees: L. Ron Hubbard

R.D.#2
Saegertown, Penna.
20 February 1963

Office of Public Relations
of the
Food and Drug Administration
U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am an American citizen and a qualified and practising voter; and as such, I feel that the Food and Drug Administration of the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare is my agency, is given its authority by me along with the rest of the voters, and that I am in some small way responsible for its policies and actions.

Therefore, when I heard that the Food and Drug Administration had, early in January of this year, seized a number of books and meters from the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington in what has been reported (Newsweek, Jan. 28) as an attempt to protect the gullible public from the dishonest public, I found the action of my agency quite confusing to me. I need further information about what I, as a supporter of my government, have been doing.

I hope that you can answer my urgent questions which follow:--

Exactly what was the purpose of this particular seizure, especially the seizure of religious-philosophical books?

In what way were whole-body resistance-meters considered to be fraudulent "healing machines" that would not also apply to clinical thermometers, sphygmomanometers, cardiographs, etc.?

What exactly are the literature and meters publicly purported to do?

Does our Food and Drug Administration propose to test in some way the efficacy of the religious literature and meters to do something which the Food and Drug Administration believes this literature and meters are 'labelled and purported' to do?

Does our Food and Drug Administration feel competent to judge the spiritual and mental efficacy of any and all religious and psychological philosophies which exist in this country?

Are investigations apt to be made by our Food and Drug Administration of the efficacy of the Roman Catholic confessional? of the healing philosophy and practices of Christian Science? of Baptism? of The Holy Communion? of psychoanalysis?

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To: Public Relations, F.D.A., U.S.Dept H.E.W.
From: E.M. Curtis
Date: 20 Feb., 1963

Am I right in assuming that the goal and function of our Food and Drug Administration is the protection of the gullible fraction of the public from the dishonest fraction of the public only so far as the physical health of the public is concerned? or does our Food and Drug Administration have a wider field of activity and responsibility?

Is our Food and Drug Administration likely to lose face in its fight against fraud in matters of physical (and mental?) health if we should prosecute and lose a case in which the defendant turns out to be patently innocent of actual fraud and of the intent to defraud?

Hoping to have your answers to these questions of urgent concern to me as a responsible voter,

I remain, faithfully,

Elizabeth M. Curtis

Elizabeth M. (Mrs. W. E.) Curtis

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Scientology, Dallas
~~6050 SHERRY LANE~~
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This is your invitation to the SELF ADVANCEMENT COURSE presented by Scientology, Dallas, at ~~6050 Sherry Lane~~, ~~Preston Center~~, Dallas, Texas (~~EM 8-0607~~).

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DIRECTOR, BALTIMORE DISTRICT

February 18, 1963

Inspector Robert J. Rice, Jr.

Academy of Scientology Lectures

Academy of Scientology
1812 19 St. N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Through a cooperating individual, FDA learned that there was to be given a talk concerning the situation between Scientology and the Government in Washington, at the L. Ron Hubbard Lecture Congress, during the weekend of February 16 and 17, 1963. In order that we might learn what Scientology has to say to its members about its present situation, I attended the lectures as an interested newcomer to Scientology. On February 16, Saturday, at approximately 11:00 A.M., I visited the Academy of Scientology for the purpose of attending the Saturday lectures. I registered by paying my $10.00 in the main office, located at 1810 19 St. N.W. The individuals I talked with were very friendly and only asked a limited number of questions. I gave my name as Robert M. Richards (introduced myself as Bob Richards), and after a few questions concerning my interest in Scientology and how I had herard about the weekend program, I briefly explained that a friend of my, Sandra Jo Louis, was a member of Scientology and had told me a little bit about the organization. I said that she had received an announcement of this meeting and suggested that I come in her place. The registrar (whose first name was given as Mike) said that he didn't remember Sandra Jo Lewis, but that he had only been with Scientology, in this area, for a short time. He said they were very glad to have us, and hoped that I would attend the meetings for both days. He gave me a signed receipt for the $10.00 fee paid.

DIVISION OF REGULATORY MANAGEMENT:

For your information.

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GORDON G. THOMPSON
Chief Inspector
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The lectures started promptly at 11:30, in the reception room, located in the building at 1812 19 St. N. W. I had been greeted at the door of the reception hall by a young man and a young woman, both about 25, who said they were very glad to have me attend their meetings, and the young lady gave me a program for the two days events. Neither introduced themselves at that time. There were approximately 30 people attending these first lectures. Both men and women were represented in age groups that appeared to be from the twenties through the sixties. The number of men, both young and old, wore suits and ties, and all the women, with one exception, wore skirts and blouses, or dresses. The one exception wore slacks.

Since my primary purpose for attending the lectures was to determine what was being said about FDA, I shall concentrate on those particular points. Shortly after the first tape by Ron Hubbard(made during 1950), I was introduced to Mr. John Farrell, assistant minister. Mr. Farrell was giving me some advice on good background books and mentioned that a number (several) of the books were not available at the present time, due to the government seizures. I said that I had heard something about these seizures, but since I was from Baltimore I had probably missed a good part of the story. Farrell stated that the government had seized E-Meters and many of the books. He said that some of the books had been seized illegally, since they were hard-cover books rather than booklets and pamphlets. He said that the government had said that they were using the E-Meter for diagnosis and curing. I asked if this was why they were seized, and he said "No that the communists had gotten them". "Their group was sixth on the list"- Byron(Acting Sergeant at Arms, who had originally introduced me to Farrell) chimed in to say "That probably it worked that way - Sixth on the list now and first on the list later." (I assumed from their statements that they were referring their organization being sixth on the list to be destroyed by communists because of the groups' work.) The conversation appeared very distasteful to Farrell and he talked in low tones and quickly changed the subject. (There is a slight possibility that I misunderstood Farrell in the above since he became outwardly upset when he began talking about the seizure and his speech became slightly irregular and garbled). Farrell invited me to watch a demonstration of an E-Meter and I replied that I had seen a demonstration just a few minutes prior to our conversation. He then wanted me to take part in a demonstration and I tried to refuse politely, but he would have no part of my refusal. I was set for a demonstration then, at the 2:45 break.

Just prior to my conversation with Farrell, I had heard a member of the audience aske him, in private, if they had any E-Meters for sale, that they (meaning the individual) wanted to buy one. Farrell said that they had none for sale right at the present time, but hoped to get some very soon. Apparently the one E-Meter on demonstration at the time of the lecture, is one that is personally owned.

At the 2:45 P.M. break I submitted to the E-Meter demonstration, and fortunately, no questions were asked that I couldn't answer with some degree of truthfulness. Apparently they did not suspect and, therefore, asked only routine questions expected to be answered by beginning "preclears"(after the initial full security check). The talk that was supposedly to be made by Wing Angell and a part of which was to have been a question and answer period. At the beginning of his talk which started at 4:15 P. M., Mr. Angell said that he had been informed earlier that his talk was supposed to be about the present situation in D. C. with the government and that he flatly refused to talk about anything of that kind. He said something to the effect that the stupid and bungling government agency had made a very bad mistake, and that Scientology

will get its meters and books back, or a serious breach of freedom of religion has been made. He further added that he hated to use the term "government" since it implied "our government", and he didn't much like the idea of being a part of the government, since it wasn't out to protect us at all. Initially this was just about all Mr. Angell had to say on the subject. He talked for approximately one half an hour on the reasons for becoming "cleared", and then worked his way into talking about the E-Meter as a device to bring about honesty (that is use of the E-Meter and how it is used to promote honesty in persons being "cleared"). Mr. Angell then made a statement which is stated almost verbatim--one single individual in any government agency anywhere in the world that does not have anything to hide. That is why they seized the meters. They (meaning FDA or the government) say that we use them for curative or diagnostic purposes. That's ridiculous. We carefully explained to them earlier how they were used and gave them a demonstration. The government is afraid of the E-Meter in the hands of a trained Scientologist, because of the honesty it will bring about. After another sentence or two that just reiterated what was said above, Mr. Angell continued on his talk about being "cleared" and what was expected of a "cleared" individual and so forth and so forth. He finished his speech at approximately 5:45 P.M.

As can be seen, Scientology, at least outwardly, does not appear to be particularly worried about its case with the government. Not more than just a few minutes time was spent on talking about the situation,=and the individuals I met during the breaks did not seem particularly concerned about these seizures either. All felt, however, that a great injustice had been done to them, and that the condition would be corrected in the near future. I was able to get a copy of their Ability publication which appears to be a monthly circulation. The first three pages of this periodical are devoted to discussing the situation in Washington and appears to be all that Scientology has to say about the subject to its members.

Since I knew what the lectures would entail, on the second day I chose not to return for the Sunday program. Most of Sunday was to be devoted to a seminar, in which clearing training was to be made. It appeared that no talks of any importance would be given on Sunday and since I was the only non-member present for the Saturday lecture, I was not able to remain inconspicuous.

Generally speaking, the group was very friendly and a large number of the members introduced themselves to me. I feel that I have become sufficiently accepted by the group to be able to continue with this organization that future plans may dictate. Future activities would, however, necessitate buying books and/or enrolling in one or more of their courses. My name was supposed to have been added to their mailing list, and I hope to receive regular notices from them.

During the last break of the day, John Farrell happened to mention, during the course of the conversation, that he was going to Pittsburgh on Monday to tape a TV show. The show would include a demonstration of the E-Meter and some generalized information about Scientology. The tape was to be made either Monday or Tuesday and shown in the fairly near future. A separate memo concerning this particular information has previously been submitted (and interested Districts have probably already been notified.

Attached are the following items that I received during the February 16 lectures:

1. Customer's Receipt for the paid $10.00 lecture fee.

2. Mimeographed program for the lectures.

3. Printed book list.

4. One copy of Issue #146 of Ability - Scientology's monthly publication.

5. Original notice received by FDA from our cooperating individual.

ROBERT J. RICE, JR.

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Dear Sir:

Thankyou for the information on the "Scientology". It is gratifying to know that someone is doing something about such misrepresentation and quackery.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Conrad
1112 P. St.
Renton, Wn.

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Hubbard E-meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
The Founding Church of Scientology
Washington D C.

FEB 1 5 1963

Mr. Leonard H. Field
2010 Glen Drive
Jackson, Michigan

Dear Mr. Field:

Your letter of January 16 to the Secretary concerning your experience with Scientology has been referred to us for reply.

We appreciate the expression of your views as to the propriety of the legal action and assure you that we are solely concerned with the validity of claims of diagnostic and therapeutic value made for the E-meter, a device subject to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. We are not interested in interfering with any bona fide religious beliefs or practices.

In connection with the charges concerning claimed therapeutic value, we are interested in your report of beneficial results achieved by use of the E-meter in the hands of an auditor. We would like to learn further details of your experience and are asking an inspector to visit you. We would appreciate any information you can give him.

Sincerely yours,

K. L. Milstead, Deputy Director
Bureau of Enforcement

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Honorable Grant Sawyer
Governor of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada

FEB 10 1963

Dear Governor Sawyer:

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Commissioner of Food and Drugs

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GRANT SAWYER
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THE STATE OF NEVADA
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January 28, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Health, Education and Welfare Building North
Room 3360
Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Larrick:

I have received the enclosed letter from Reverend Ossmen, which is self explanatory.

Would you please send me a report on the subject mentioned in her letter, to guide me in my reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Grant Sawyer
Governor

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January 23, 1963
1413 Exley Street
Las Vegas, Nevada

Gov. Grant Sawyer
State of Nevada
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Gov. Sawyer:

On January 4, 1963 property and records of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington D. C. were seized. This atta ck was instigated by the Food and Drug Administration of the U. S. Department of Health, Educationa and Welfare.

This attack is illegal. It is my church but tomorrow it may well be another faith if this goes unnoticed. It is a sad state of affairs when the premises of a church can be invaded.

We worry about an atomic war destroying us but in my opinion it is less deadly than man trying to destroy man under the guise of legal procedures.

I pray you will look into this matter. Safe guard our liberties to insure a tomorrow of freedom.

Sincerely yours,

Maxine

Rev. Maxine P. Ossmen

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Honorable Alton Lennon
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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ALTON LENNON
SEVENTH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

February 5, 1963

Hon. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

Would you kindly furnish me a report on the incident referred to in the attached correspondence.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Most sincerely,

Alton Lennon

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P. O. Box 1653
New Bern, N. C.
January 28, 1963

Senator Alton K. Lennon
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lennon:

On January 4th. the Pure Food And Drug Administration seized all records and property of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C. without giving the officials of the Chur the benefit of a hearing before such seizure. Apparently the seizure stemmed from the Administration's objection to the use of an electronic instrument (known as the "E" Meter) in their counselling. Two months ago the Administration attempted to prevent the importation of a shipment of these instruments from England without giving the Chur a definite ruling on which they could appeal to the Courts.

While I wholeheartedly support the work of this Administration in protecting the public from harmful drugs and medical treatment devices, I certainly protest this violation of the First Article of the Bill of Rights and the seizure of instruments, which by no stretch of the imagination can be construed to be devices for medical treatment. Government bureaus should have higher regard for due legal process than the individual, but apparently they mean to accomplish their purpose by delaying tactics and improper seizu of property.

I do not know the facts of this seizure first hand, but I have closely followed the activities of this organization for the past twelve years and have not heard of one atte to defraud the public, to misrepresent their activities nor to promise any medical cure Further, they have treated all information secured from subjects as strictly confidente Their philosophy of Dianetics and Scientology contains no material which is subversive the government nor damaging to any religion. While I am not a member of this Church, find nothing in their teachings that is at variance with my own Episcopal religion. I have been through several of their sessions in which the instrument in question was us and found only that they use it as a guide in their questioning, to help uncover mater unconsciously withheld. They made no promise of cures and would not guarantee improve ment. They would only state that the processes usually help one to develop a calmer, more confident approach to daily life which often in turn relieves certain medical symptons.

The only violation of which this organization might be guilty could be the use of a n profit organization for profit (which I doubt), but in that case it would not be in t province of the Food And Drug Administration to act. I cannot, of course, state what promise of medical cures have been made in Washington by this group, but in my associ tion with people trained in Washington by this group, I have found them extremely rel tant to tell people how or what to think or do, in fact they insist that a man must think and act on his own volition to be a free, whole man. Only a man (or the heads a bureau possibly) with dictatorial ideas would discourage free, individual, independ thinking.

No less a magazine than the Saturday Evening Post, in its article about the State Department has pointed out our growing "rule by bureau", and the seizure cited here appears to be another example.

Please give this matter your usual calm, careful consideration and take what action judgment dictates.

Sincerely,

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February 12, 1963

Mr. T. M. Lair
2012 E. Cherry Street
Sherman, Texas

Dear Mr. Lair:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 5 in which you further discuss the action taken with regard to the E-meters of the Church of Scientology. You ask that Scientology be given a "fair share."

The issues that are involved in this particular case are subject to trial in the U. S. District Court with a jury if demanded. The burden of proof of its allegations rests upon the government. I have no reason to doubt that this process furnishes a fair forum and will afford a fair trial and evaluation of the issues. This is the manner that is provided by law for settling disputes of this kind.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Congressional Liaison Officer

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2012 E. Cherry St.
Sherman, Texas
Feb. 5, 1963

Mr. John Harvey
Dept. of Health, Education, & Welfare
Food And Drug Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

I have your letter of Feb. 1, 1963 regarding the FDA action against the Academy of Scientology, and I feel that I must state that your findings in your investigations have greatly different meanings from what I know of Scientology. While some of your facts seem correct, it seems that the interpretation seems oposite to the views of Scientology. Might I point out a few things along this line?

1. The E Meter: I grant that this is a type of galvanometer. I have known this fact since it was introduced and adapted from the Mathison Electropsychometer. There is no secret about this fact. I have never seen or heard the claim that this device would detect, diagnose, or eliminate any type of ailments and I have read and studied every major book of Scientology and listened to many lectures. They state that the E meter detects areas of conflict or emotional responses in an individual. Might I point out that the galvanometer is used by many police departments as lie detectors which point out emotional responses? The practioners use the E meter only to find areas of conflict which seems a perfectly acceptable use. Any benefits that the person receives is due to the work of the practioner and the person himself. If Scientology is denied the right to detect emotional responses, are all police uses to detect emotional responses to be denied also?

Again it is true that a belief in the religion of Scientology is not a part of Scientology auditing (not diagnosis or treatment.) But may I remind you that many churches will provide counseling services for anyone who consults them, whether they believe in their Church beliefs or not. A Methodist might consult a Catholic priest for advice without believing in the Catholic practices. It seems that you are condeming the Church of Scientology because they do not limit their counseling service to members.

2. I cannot see what the letters you quote would prove. The whole theory of Scientology, as you must know if you have read the books on Scientology, deals with the human soul as the prime motivator of the universe. If the human soul is not a religious matter, then what is it? I am sure that tax situations and the desire to help others in hospitals where they cannot now do so might have played a part in organisational structure-I do not know. But surely a belief that the human soul is supreme over the physical body places this in a religious catagory. Benefits mentioned to the body are represented as by-products and not as goals. Surely a belief that psychosomatic symptoms may dissapear if your soul is at ease does not put an organization at the mercy of the FDA.

3. The thing that concerns me the most, not only about this case, but with so many fields that this principle involves. People seem not concerned with whether it works or not, they only look to see whether it conforms to past practices or to what is "generally accepted". How can this country get ahead if the Government continually hampers attempts to try new things that do not conform? If Scientology can do only 1/10 of what it attempts to do it could be of invaluable aid to the country. It could help the Government detect traitors, it could make our leaders more able, it could make our inventors more productive. Does it work? Might I ask whether you have ask a good practioner of Scientology to make a demonstration to show whether or not the E meter can detect emotional areas? Have you investigated the files of treated people and looked at the psychometric records given before and after treatment? Have you examined medical records showing the before and after conditions of pre-clears? Now I know it would be possible to find a few people who will sign statements that they were not helped, just as any Doctor, psychologist, minister, or what-have-you would have. Have the result records been really checked? It seems to me the only fair way to handle this would be to see if it works with the people who are doing the work (not in some disinterested laboratory with people unfamiliar with techniques).

As I said in my letter to Senator Tower, all I ask is that Scientology be given a fair shake. It would be a shame to see the Government stamp out a process which might be able to do the country a great help. If Scientology has fraud as its basis, then it should be wiped out, but let us really investigate its results before saying it's bad. Mr. Harvey, I do believe that if you yourself had a personal interview with L. Ron Hubbard and let him give you a demonstration on yourself with the E Meter the whole question could be ironed out.

Sincerely,

T. M. Lair

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Copy to: Senator John Tower

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- AS REQUESTED
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To

From Mrs. R. M.

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Oskar Wilkowski

MRS. WILLARD ALLEN
ROUTE 1, ~~BOX 454~~ CONWAY RD.
ST. LOUIS 41, MISSOURI

Feb. 12/63

Dear Mr. Kessler
Food + Drug Administration

In America ~~[illegible]~~ and as a believer in religious freedom, I should like to protest the action of the Food and Drug Administration in its use of the U.S. Marshals to raid the Scientology Church in Washington, and seize their possessions and possessions of their students.

The tactics of Hitler were used to suppress freedom of speech, freedom of religion and religious practices, and cannot but undermine and weaken our country, if allowed here.

I know many of these Scientologists and they are all, with training and study, [illegible] and are [illegible] to their own [illegible]. This training can make a better [illegible].

My [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] name. [illegible] [illegible] I will pray for them. The eye and clean hands.

Sincerely

Dorothy Allen

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Dear Senator Tower:

Your request of February 2, for comments on a letter you received from Mrs. Otis F. Holliday of Houston, Texas, has been referred to the Food and Drug Administration and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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February 7, 1963

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

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February 2, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Department of HEW

X OTIS HOLLIDAY

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

John G. Tower

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2415 Brazoria,
Houston 19, Texas,
Jan. 30, 1963.

The Honorable John Tower,
Senate office Bldg,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that the Church of Scientology of Washington D C at 1812 19th St N.W. has been raided by the Food and Drug administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and welfare.

I personally have been benefitted by the processes used by this church.

As my personal representative in washington, I am requesting that you investigate this action and do what you

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can to right an injustice to an organization that is doing a good job of telling the state and condition of all mankind.

Thank you,

Betty Halliday
(Mrs. Otis J Halliday)

Davis, Calif
February 11, 1963

Mr G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Div. Regulatory Mgmt
Bureau of Enforcement
Dept Health, Educ. & Welfare

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your kind reply to my letter protesting siezure of Scientology E meters form the ~~Founding~~ Church.

As a lay practicer of the precepts of Scientology I wish to state that in my experience with the E meter (and also with claims made about it) this device is no more a diagnostic instrument or a means of "cure" of anything at all, mental or physical, than bread pills or a thermometer.

In the hands of a trained person, it can be used as a help toward spiritual development, mental health, and increased ability to be a responsible human being, in much the same way as a prayer wheel or rosary.

Someone is making a terrible error in neglecting this spiritual aspect, concentrating on the aspect of physical conditions. I am sure it is not your department, for from all I have heard you have all acted very decently. But anyone who knows anything about the history of religion knows that down through the ages physical benefit has occurred as a result of spiritual insight. And today, I believe it is agreed that at such a place as Lourdes, France, the actual water has much less to do with cures than spiritual faith, without which nothing could happen.

Pleasedo not continue to lend yourself and your department unnecessarily to such shortsighted injustice.

Sincerely
B. Chandler
234 A St
Davis, Calif

PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE DATED
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2220 Adams Ave.
San Diego - 16
California
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The Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington - D. C.

Dear Sir:

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It was amazing to read in the Jan 28th issue of NEWSWEEK a most inaccurate and slanderous report of the raid on the Washington D.C. office of the Church of Scientology. To label the electro-psychometer as an "utterly useless" and "mumbo-jumbo" machine is an excellent example of how some people are willing to display their utte ignorance on some subjects. Possibly the smear campaign in the pres was organized to cover up the disgraceful armed raid on the Church of Scientology when not only the E-Meters but the philosophical and religious book stocks were seized illegally.

There is nothing new and strange about pioneers in physical, emotional and mental therapies being classed with frauds and charlatan whether in or out of the church. In the words of Freud: "There a three steps in the history of a great discovery. First, its opponen say the discoverer is crazy; later that he is sane but that the discovery is of no real importance; and last, that the discovery is important but everybody has known it right along". We do wish, howeve that the FDA would concentrate their admittedly limited time and admittedly inadequate staff upon a greater effort to eliminate the chemical additives that are daily poisoning the food of our citizenry.

Ever yours for true progress,

Althea Noël, R.N.

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Hubbard B Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Bolling:

I have referred your inquiry of January 24 enclosing letter of January 21 from H. Lynn White to the Food and Drug Administration. Their report on the subject is supplied herewith.

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Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Richard Bolling
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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February 4, 1963

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 24 1963

Hon. Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer
Department of Health, Education
& Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
SCIENTOLOGY
is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements
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contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Richard Bolling

Richard Bolling, M. C.

Re: Mr. H. Lynn White
H. Lynn White, Inc.
4110 Main Street
Kansas City 11, Missouri

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H. Lynn White, Inc.

WHOLESALE DECORATIVE FABRICS

4110 MAIN STREET — KANSAS CITY 11, MISSOURI — PHONE WESTPORT 1-2722

January 21, 1963

Richard Bolling
United States Representative
House Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Church of Scientology of Washington, D.C., an organization devoted to the improvement and betterment of the Spirit of Man, has recently had property, records and books seized by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, in violation of the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

I am deeply concerned about this violation of rights by a bureau of the government, and I ask you as my elected representative to do what you can to correct this situation.

Sincerely yours,

H. Lynn White

H. Lynn White

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Hubbard E Meter

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Deputy Commissioner

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cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., February 4, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Will appreciate receiving any comments you might care to make on the attached copy of a letter from Mr. W. J. Edwards of New Bern, North Carolina.

Many thanks for your assistance.

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Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

Sam J. Ervin, Jr., U.S.S.

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P. O. Box 16[illegible]
New Bern, N. C.
January 28, 1963

Senator [illegible]
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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I do not know the facts of this seizure first hand, but I have closely [illegible] the ac-[illegible] of this organization for the past [illegible] years and have not been [illegible] attemp[illegible] the public, to misrepresent their activities nor to promote [illegible] cures [illegible]. They have treated all information secured from subjects as strictly confidential [illegible]. Elevation and Science contain no material [illegible] [illegible]sive [illegible] [illegible] damaging to any religion. While I am not a member of [illegible] church, I [illegible] in their teachings that is at variance with my own Episcopal religion. I [illegible] though several of their sections in which the instrument in question is used [illegible] only that they use it as a guide in their counseling, to help uncover materia[illegible] [illegible]usly withheld. They made no promise of cures and could not guarantee improve-[illegible] they could only state that the process [illegible] help one to develop a clear, [illegible] approach to daily life [illegible] certain [illegible]

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[illegible] than the [illegible] in its article about the Do-[illegible] of our young people by [illegible] and the seizure [illegible] here ap-[illegible]

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V. J. Edwards

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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Dear Senator Nelson:

Your request of January 30, for comment on an inquiry you received concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology was referred to the Food and Drug Administration, and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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February 5, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter from Senator Nelson dated January 30 concerning an inquiry he has received from a constituent about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

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John L. Harvey

GAYLORD NELSON
WISCONSIN

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 30, 1963

Congressional Liaison Office
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: Founding Church of Scientology
and its investigation by the Food and Drug Agency

Dear Mrs. Akin:

An individual in the Biochemistry Department of the University of Wisconsin has written me after receiving some literature from the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 - 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

Apparently the Food and Drug Administration is investigating and the literature states that this government agency has used unusual methods in its investigation "including the seizure of much Church property with intent to destroy it."

My constituent is concerned that Article 1 of the Bill of Rights has been threatened and wants to know what FDA is doing, trying to do and why.

A report, at your convenience, is requested. Many thanks for this courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

Gaylord Nelson

GAYLORD NELSON
U. S. Senator

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Fascell:

Your request of January 28 for comment on a letter you received from Mrs. H. S. Halcomb, Miami, Florida, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration. We are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Dante B. Fascell
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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February 4, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter of Congressman Dante B. Fascell, with which he forwarded letter from Mrs. H. S. Halcombe, Miami, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

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John L. Harvey

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 28, 1963

Congressional Liaison
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Mrs H. S. Hawkins

Sir:

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The attached ~~communication~~ is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Kindly acknowledge receipt

~~Yours truly,~~

Dante B. Fascell

Dante B. Fascell M. C.

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Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C.
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JAN 23 1963
DANIEL B. FARCERT

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

Honorable Sir:

As a public servant of the State of Florida, will you please see that this religious persecution does not continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Mark H. S. Halcomb
47 S.W. 11 St.
Miami 32, Fla.

L. Ron Hubbard, President; John Dale Hubbard, Secretary; Mordecai Rostenberg, Treasurer

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Samuel L. Devine
~~House of Representatives~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Hoyt

Dear Mr. Devine:

Enclosed is the further material on the recent seizure of the E meters at Washington, D. C., as promised you by phone.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure:
Report
cc this ltr

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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Mr. D. S. Goldhammer, Director
Div. of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Food & Drug Adm., Washington 25, D.C.

Howard W. Johnson
1785 Carlton Rd.
Cleveland 12, Ohio

RM

February 8, 1963.

Dear Mr. Goldhammer:

I appreciate your writing me. Apparently you found "Scientology" involved and not so easy to see through, though quite simple in a sense. Meters and text books of considerable importance and value have been confiscated it seems.

It seems well known by some concerns that the body follows the mind; and that if you can relieve a patient of worry, or other flustration, that is causing his illness; that the illness will promptly vanish. I have read of quite a number of examples of that by the non-sectarian Christian religion of "Unity" with headquarters at Lee's Summit Missouri. Some leading physicians, and evangelists too, say that all healing is an act of God. Miracle acts, medicine or surgery are only aids to nature (God) to do its healing work.

I take it Scientology is able to affect physical healing and correct mental disturbances by relieving the mind of flustrations. And in Scientology testing the E-meter would tell the tester person truths the patient would evade telling, or would not know that the conception he is telling is an illusion. I think Scientology must affect cures that would not be apt to be accomplished otherwise, though they probably would not be impossible to cure otherwise. That being especially true in regard to mental disturbances. That concerns a phase of life there is a lot of interest in now, that not so much has been learned about yet.

It seems our country should have a law, and maybe does, to determine just what it is that constitutes a constructive religion. Being "Constructive" would bar Communism, degenerative spiritualism (as in fortune-telling and tea-leaf reading) and the like. There is a wide assortment of cults called religions; and Scientology may be as true a religion as many of those for all I know. But as for Scientology being a true religion, to me personally, I just don't get it.

I trust I have been honest to Scientology, my government and myself as to considering Scientology as a religion).

PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE DATED 2-1-63 ATTACHED
(PRECEDENT)

Yours sincerely,

Howard W. Johnson

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DIRECTOR DALLAS DISTRICT. 2-8-63

Inspector John F. Rabusch

Visit Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

L. Ron Hubbard
Founding Church
of Scientology
Hubbard Dianetics Assoc.
Distribution Center Inc.
Hubbard Guidance Center
et al.

Today I visited the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners in Ft. Worth Texas. I obtained their file on L. Ron Hubbard & Scientology. Attached are copies made from that file. Copies of the Bulletin " Ability" were only made of the front page. The original remain in the State files.

The State of Texas has no action pending on this case.

Note that the State of Lousiana has an injunction suit aginst a M.R. Metzel of New Iberia, La. for practicing medicine without a license. He is supposed to be a member of the above groups.

John F. Rabusch
Inspector.

DIVISION OF REGULATORY MANAGEMENT February 8, 1963

This investigation was requested in your memo of February 4, 1963. We are also investigated at Houston where the State Board's investigator is located. We will follow-up the leads developed in Houston and Dallas which are listed in the letter of September 22, 1960. You may wish to ask New Orleans to follow up in Louisiana.

James E. Anderson

JEA:PMc

Attachments

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Apt 603,
14 W. Elm:
Chicago,
Ill.

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Mr Ribicoff,
Head of Dept. of
Health, Education + Welfare,
Wash D.C.

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Dear Mr Ribicoff,

Recently the F.D.A. has seized E-meters and materials from a religious organization in Wash D.C. This organization is the Founding Church of Scientology. The arrest and the accusations are uncalled for.

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The use of the E-meter is not for diagnosing in the field of medicine, and all Scientology students know that they are not studying in the field of healing. Scientology fills a need in society which does not interfere with the diagnosing, healing or therapeutic professions. Scientology works to create abilities - to help a person to become a more responsible person.

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in all his areas of living. It lies more in the region of spiritual endeavours, Norman V. Peale's power of positive thinking or "Dale Carnegusm" or Christian Science. Scientology is more objective however, as it uses an E-meter and is not therefore entirely dependent on individuals personal judgement. The E-meter as I see it is not mislabeled. I think that the F.D.A. takes words, things, out of context, jams them together, and construes "mislabeling" out of that alignment.

I know many professional Scientologists whose main source of income is Scientology. They have been working in the field since 1950, and have done a <u>great</u> deal of good. There are graphs, tests and reports on paper to verify this.

I, myself, have benefited immensely through the subject since I met it in Johannesburg, S. Africa in 1955.

Please protest this F.D.A. action.

Sincerely, Mrs J. Hornes.

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Related Import Detentions at
Baltimore District

The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

February 7 and
February 8, 1963

Between: George Sooy, Baltimore District

W. N. Swain, Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

Van W. Smart, Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

On February 7, Mr. Sooy advised Mr. Van Smart that in connection with each of the imports at Baltimore, some eleven in number on which a Notice of Detention and a Notice of Refusal of Admission had been issued, he had received identical letters from the consignees of record. The form of the letter was dictated over the phone and is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Mr. Soey asked advice.

I consulted with Mr. Snavely of DCC, Mr. O'Keefe, DCC, Mr. Ledder of DAO, as individuals familiar with import procedure. The concensus of our consultations was to the effect that there is no prescribed procedure of appeal from a decision of the District Chief in these matters. However, we do not preclude importers from informal protest to the Commissioner's Office and on such protest, performing a review of the District Chief's decision. It was concluded that the letter addressed to the District by the consignee was an adequate basis on which to perform such a review. A proposed reply for Mr. Soey to issue to the consignees was drafted as Exhibit B. Both Exhibits A and B were referred to General Counsel for agreement and upon their agreement Mr. Sooy was advised by telephone on February 8 to issue letters in accordance with Exhibit B and to submit to Washington the remaining records in the matter. The record of hearing has already been received.

W. N. Swain
W. N. Swain

Enclosures:
Exhibits A & B

cc Balt cc BFA cc DCC
cc GC cc DAO WNSwain:ms 2-11-63

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EXHIBIT A

This refers to your notice of detention dated January 24 of the Hubbard E meter. It is listed on your notice BA *****.

I protest this detention and demand the delivery of the Meter to me.

The instrument is in no way subject to the jurisdiction of your agency as it is not a food, drug, cosmetic, or medical device. It is used as an aid to a religious confessional procedure and in the exercise and teaching of a religion. It is not used in the diagnosis or treatment of any disease.

Please advise me, in detail, immediately who, when and where the decision was made that the Meter was subject to detention and seizure, and furnish me with a copy of the Administrative ruling or decision so that they may appeal such decision.

GSooy:rb:ms 2/7/63

EXHIBIT B

I have your letter of _____ protesting my decision to refuse admission to _____ E meters detained under _____ and requesting review of that decision.

I am referring your protest of the Notice of Refusal of Entry and the entire record of the matter to the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D. C. for review. They will advise you of their decision.

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~~Hubbard~~ E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

FEB 7 1963

Honorable Charles E. Bennett
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We have your request of January 30 for information in order to respond to inquiries from a number of your constituents and enclosing an inquiry dated January 28 from Mrs. Gail C. Ovenshire, about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures
cc this ltr
Ltr fr Constituent

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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CHARLES E. BENNETT
MEMBER
2D DISTRICT, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE:
ARMED SERVICES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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January 30, 1963

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Food and Drug Administration

Washington 25, D. C.

4-0750

Re: Founding Church of Scientology

Gentlemen:

An number of constituents have written to me recently concerning the enclosed matter. I will appreciate your advices in this so that I may properly reply to them.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Charles E. Bennett, M.C.

CEB/sjh
Encl.

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10119 Smoker Drive
Jacksonville 11, Florida
January 28, 1963

Charles E. Bennett, M. C.
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

An extremely interesting and historical event took place at 1812 19th Street, N. W., in Washington, D. C., on January 4, to which any citizen interested in our Constitutional freedoms should give his thoughtful attention. It isn't only to whom this event happened and by whom it was perpetrated, but the very fact that such a thing COULD and DID happen right here in our own Capitol as though religious persecution is an acceptable thing in our own beloved U. S. A.

Briefly, this is what took place:

> At the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration, armed men invaded the Founding Church of Scientology and seized property and records belonging to the Church.

This seems a most irresponsible act. Except for personal case histories (sacred to any minister, doctor, attorney), there is nothing I can imagine that would not be freely; and already has been freely offered to any interested party or parties by this particular Church and its affiliates. This is no cult nor secret society that has been invaded (though even these, some of which may be subversive, are protected by our laws). I fail to see what the Food and Drug Administration hopes to accomplish by their action; further, I fail to see by what authority they could possibly justify their behavior. What happens when the general public finds out their churches are no longer considered separate and sacred and are being subjected to these indignities?

Churches have been violated in other countries, and it is considered a terrible thing committed by Godless governments. Is this happening here?? Are we also being denied our freedoms? And, it seems strange to me that this particular Church was invaded unless someone wanted to put a stop to the interest the general public may have in increasing their well-beingness and making an attempt to obtain exact (provable) knowledge of their capabilities and their relationship to knowledge itself. Are the teachings of Jesus that Man is essentially a spiritual being and does not begin and end with his body objectionable to the Food and Drug Administration??

As with most of our fellow Floridians, we look to you for sincere and sophisticated leadership. The above is cause for great concern . . .

Respectfully,

Gail C. Ovenshire

(Mrs. Gail C. Ovenshire)

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Hubbard-E-Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington, D.C.

FEB 7 1963

Honorable Porter Hardy, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

We have your request of February 1 for information in order to respond to an inquiry from your constituent, Mr. Robert G. Syvertsen, dated January 24, about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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PORTER HARDY, JR.
2D DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1963

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4-0934

Mr. George P. Larrick
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert G. Syvertsen which, I believe, you will find self-explanatory.

I shall appreciate your providing me with information on which to base a reply to Mr. Syvertsen.

Sincerely,

Porter Hardy, Jr.

Enclosure

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January 14, 1965

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[illegible] strongly protest the government's action in this case, and I expect [illegible] everything in your area of the Congress necessary to insure that [illegible] I am sure you are aware of the very [illegible] dangerous precedent involved [illegible]

[illegible] prompt [illegible] communication.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Syvertsen

Mr. Robert G. Syvertsen
7719 Ruthven Rd.
Norfolk 5, Virginia

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~~Hubbard E-Meter~~
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Wilbur Mills
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Huitt

Dear Mr. Mills:

We have your telephone request, by Miss Huitt, of February 4, for information to reply to a constituent, who inquires about the recent seizure of a number of E-meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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an inspection on October 17, 1962, the top members of this organization advised our inspectors that the benefits of the E meters could be achieved by any individual without any interest or belief in the church.

We have a statement from a person who was told at the Academy that the religious angle was adopted for tax purposes. We have a written explanation by L. Ron Hubbard to the effect that the religion idea would enable practitioners to get into hospitals, prisons and other places where they otherwise would not be permitted. And we have a promotional statement that use of a religious title will increase the practitioners earnings among polio victims. We have a letter signed by a responsible person in the organization claiming the devices to be diagnostic machines.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

ccCong. Liaison Officer

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Miss Hewitt, for
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attn Miss Hewitt.

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MEMORANDUM OF CALL

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TO— Swain

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Miss Hewitt
(Congr. Wilbur Mills Off.)

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☑ PLEASE CALL
☐ WILL CALL AGAIN
☐ RETURNING YOUR CALL
☐ IS REFERRED TO YOU BY:
☐ WAITING TO SEE YOU
☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

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Wants some information on Scientology

I said you would call soon as you return

Received By— Lois

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P.O. Box 71
Brightwood, Oregon
February 6, 1963

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Mr. Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ribicoff:

The seizure by the Food and Drug Administration on January 4, 1963 of property of The Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C. strongly suggests similar actions of the Nazi Party in Hitlerian Germany.

Whatever authority given to your Department by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act it is certain that the Department has no Constitutional authority to overtly attack a legally constituted church and to seize its property.

Please inform me of your position as Secretary in regard to this outrageous abuse of power by officials of the Food and Drug Administration.

Very truly yours,

N. Larry Hemmerling

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CASE: 1612 N.W. 17 Ca 202.

I am not telling you to believe: I don't expect you to believe. In fact, don't believe a word just because you see it in print. Question is: Does it make sense to YOU? I have told this story to at least 200 persons while trying to present a logical, acceptable progression, and thus it evolved. Another question is: How will it all LOOK to you after six months or a year of contemplation? It is also your privelege to resist it all you wish. Here's why - Would you say that thinking requires the use of energy? Yes? OK, so then when a person gets hung-up with a certain mass of energy, in the function of thinking, that he can't handle (can't change, start, stop, alter) that thought, mass of energy, becomes a CONVICTION. I wouldn't want to cause anyone to get hung-up on a conviction. A person's mental ability perhaps can be gauged by his ability (flexability) to handle ideas.

Would you say (agree) that one quite universally acceptable definition of the word "God" is as follows: "GOD IS ALL KNOWINGNESS"? Now, if it is satisfactory with you that we have agreed upon this definition, do you agree that the word all means ALL, and when you say "All Knowingness" you are saying, "Knowing all that IS", "Knowing all that ever WAS", and "Knowing ALL that ever WILL BE"?

You have heard that every person has a different amount of Mental Endowment. Since we have agreed that God is all Knowingness, then may we deduct that the only kind of knowingness there is to be found anywhere, whether it be in a tree, in a rock, in an animal or in a Human Being - there is only one kind of knowingness and that is then Divine Knowingness. I am talking about intelligence and not about learned or agreed upon data or neither do I mean aberrated and twisted Divine (universal) intelligence, used to destructive ends. Now, since every person has a different amount of mental endowment, will you permit me to try to express in a very crude, yet simple to understand, way? So does this seem to mean to you that here is my spoonful of intelligence out of the "big bucketfull" of universal intelligence, someone else gets his spoonful, someone gets his two spoonfulls, and still others get other varying amounts, and so on, and so on, every one of us gets his share of Mental Endowment out of the same BIG bucketfull of Knowingness. Someone questions as to whether the "Big Bucket" may some day run dry. May I ask you this question about Knowingness: Suppose I have a fair comprehension about a certain body of knowledge and I pursue the plan of sharing this knowledge with 2,000 other individuals; Would you say that knowledge is the kind of stuff that diminishes or depletes when thus shared with thousands of other persons, or would you say that it (KNOWINGNESS) is enhanced by sharing it with countless numbers of other persons? ? Everyone has told me, "It is enhanced." Someone once said to me, "If you want to start learning some more about something, just start teaching the subject." Thus it is with this BIG BUCKETFULL of Divine (universal) Knowingness. Millions upon millions of spoonfulls, or cupfulls, taken from the bucket will never make the source run dry. We all share with each other. Another aspect of this situation is that every single spoonfull is of the same stuff (in its unadulterated, unenturbulated, unaberrated form as every other spoonfull taken from this same original "Big Bucket." Every drop of water from the same bucket of water is the same as every other drop of water from that one same bucket - right? With us, the portions are just measured (doled) out in different amounts (endowment) but each "spoonfull" is an identical brother to every other "spoonfull". Someone said, "It then seems logical that my mother produced my body, under the guidance and plans of some higher Knowingness, but she did not give me my portion of natural or Divine Knowingness for that scheme (encyclopedicscope) of Intelligence extends way back before my body was formed, since the beginning of time. Since we have agreed (if we did?) that GOD is ALL Knowingness and ALL means ALL - then where else could my Knowingness have come from? Did someone once convince someone, "YOU ARE STUPID" etc. etc. a million years ago - so that ever since that, everyone has been going around trying to prove "I am smarter that you"? The science of this Atomic Age has come to the conclusion that every computation (conclusion, decision) that every Human Being makes is a correct computation - at the moment it was made - it is the Data that is wrong (incorrect). A few moments, hours, or months later, some of the data has changed and a new evaluation is needed. There is a correct TIME and PLACE for almost everything, very easily determined if one is non-compulsive about what is to be done. Do you know that throught the new findings of modern science, there are numerous books available to the public, study courses too, which will help you to understand anyone's subconscious (reactive) mechanisms by looking and listening - - the way they talk and write, words and phrases used, actions and automatic habits, kinds and colors, etc. of possessions, etc. etc.. If we would only learn to HEAR people running their cases all arount us, in essence saying, "I need help; This is my difficulty; This is how to help me; Oh please help me!" - words, phrases, actions, hand writing - not by what they might pretend to be telling you. It is that Higher Self, crying through in spite of all the aberrations. Are you doing your LEARNING to help "Look and Know" and help do your Christian good deed?

Let us suppose we have, for example, a person who is liked by a great number of persons. He is liked for his kindness, his consideration and understanding of others, his wit and humor, his ability to do things and his accomplishments, etc.. Are not these all things of the intellect that this person is loved and admired for and NOT the size or shape etc. of his body. If he is a good athlete, is it not the efficient "control" of his body by an active intellect that we really pay respect to? IN SHORT is it not that we respect a person in the way he efficiently and ably uses and supervises his portion of Divine intelligence to constructive ends (goals) to the benefit of himself and his fellow man, along all "8 Dynamics of Life"? Is it then that this (each) portion of natural or Divine Intelligence is what is REALLY THE PERSON (not that body) that we like to associate with, work with or live with - - and is it the way he lives within the usefulness and sanity of the untwisted "rules" of Divine Intelligence that results in happiness, efficiency, better health and prosperity and more harmony with his fellow man, and his environment? Have you heard it said, "The wisdom we most admire is so often found in those who come to us for advise?" Does it all boil down to something like this? Being that God is all Intelligence and intelligence is what IS the PERSON and each and every Intelligence came from the same place (Source) - - - can we then resolve that we are all BROTHERS from the same source and since there is only ONE place to come from then did Christ come from the same source as you and I - - - and then are you and I most certainly BROTHERS from the same source (no matter how tall or short or of what color our bodies may be) and is Christ then also a Brother from the same "bucketfull" as you and every other Human Being? Could this possibly be the explanation for this: "The wisdom we most admire is often found in those who come to us for advice." Does it then make a difference with what ability we use CLEAR, unadulterated, unaberrated Divine Intelligence? Would you say that there is any sort of intelligence that has supervision over our bodies - - - - for better or for worse? ? ? ? Would it then naturally follow that CLEAR, unadulterated, unaberrated,

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SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

February 5, 1963

Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Hubbard E meter
~~VDC 4845~~

L. Ron Hubbard
Founding Church of Scientology
Hubbard Guidance Center
Distribution Center, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

Regarding our investigation of L. Ron Hubbard and the above organizations in connection with the above-referenced seizure we have learned through the Better Business Bureau and the Post Office Department that Mr. Fred Bommer at 145 Hill Drive, Vallejo, California, had reported an experience with Scientology with respect to his wife. He advises that his wife became interested in the Hubbard operation and went to Washington, D. C., to take various courses and treatments at the Scientology establishment. She wound up in a psychopathic ward of the D. C. General Hospital in Washington, D. C., and was returned to California where she was entered in the Napa State Hospital. Mr. Bommer reported that doctors at the hospital indicate that she has a basic mental difficulty but that the emotional upheaval which caused her confinement can be traced directly to her processing at the hands of the Scientology organization.

When the Post Office looked into this complaint in 1957, Mr. Bommer advised them that his wife was released from the state mental institution but asked that the inspectors not talk to his wife since she might be severely disturbed by such an interview and she was still connected with and involved in the Scientology operation.

Please arrange to interview Mr. Bommer, if possible, and obtain the facts of this matter in the form of an affidavit. Also, if possible, obtain authorization for disclosure of medical records both at the California hospital and with a copy for Baltimore District to follow up at the D. C. General Hospital in Washington. If it is appropriate under the circumstances statement also could be obtained from Mrs. Bommer concerning the sort of treatments she received, use of the E meter, promises of therapeutic benefit of either mental or physical ailments, and names of any individuals with whom she had contact both in Washington and in California within the Scientology setup, and her views of the necessity for religious beliefs to achieve the promised result.

Refer to DRM briefing memorandum of January 24, 1963, for further details.

This assignment was originally issued under date of January 30, inadvertently addressed to Los Angeles District before we had learned the name of Mr. Fred Bommer, and it requested a visit to the Better Business Bureau of Vallejo. The earlier assignment may be disregarded.

Van W. Smart

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cc LA
Enclosures:
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Hubbard E. Mater
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your request of January 25, for comment on a letter dated January 17, from Helen R. Cose, San Diego, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration. We are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Bob Wilson
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION FILE COPY

February 1, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter dated January 25 from the Honorable Bob Wilson, with which he submitted a letter dated January 17, from his constituent, Helen R. Coss, San Diego, concerning the recent Seizure of a number of B meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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John L. Harvey

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 25, 1963

Congressional Liaison Office
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication is sent ~~for your consideration~~.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

BOB WILSON M. C.
36th District, California

RE: Mrs. Helen R. Coss
8804 Heraldry Street
San Diego 23, California

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17 January 1963

Mr. Robert Wilson
U. S. Congressman California
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Wilson:

As one of your constituents I wonder if I may impose upon you for some information concerning THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY located at 8112 - 19th St., Washington, D.C.

I have never been a member of this organization, however, I have attended a few ~~lectures~~ lectures and am included on their mailing list.

Several days ago I received some correspondence from the Washington Office of Scientology. According to Mr. L. Ron Hubbard, president of this organization, certain properties, records, scientific instruments, and philosophical and religious texts were seized by the by the Federal Food and Drug Administration from their Washington Headquarters, without any forewarning. Mr. Hubbard further states that these texts are scheduled to to be burned or otherwise 'disposed' of. He requested my support regarding the grave injustice against the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY.

If the facts are as Mr. Hubbard has stated, and I doubt that they are, then an injustice has indeed taken place. However, before I lend my support to this cause I would like to have all of the facts.

I would appreciate, therefore, if you would inform me as to why this property was sized. Was it sized without any forewarning? Are the texts to be burned or 'disposed' of? What jurisdiction does the Federal Food and Drug Administration have in something of a religious nature? Finally, just exactly what is the case against the CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY?

I feel that in order to be objective in this matter both sides of the issue must be considered. I would, therefore, be grateful for any and all information that your office may be able to forward to me.

Sincerely yours,

Helen R. Coss
8804 Heraldry St.
San Diego (23
California

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Hubbard E. Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Dear Senator Clark:

Your request of January 25 for comment on a letter you received from Dr. Ruth Surfield, Tremont, Pennsylvania, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration. We are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

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Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Joseph S. Clark
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
FDA Report

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February 1, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter from Senator Joseph S. Clark, dated January 25, with which he submitted a letter from his constituent, Dr. Ruth Surfield, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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John L. Harvey

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United States Senate

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JANUARY 25, 1963

SCIENTOLOGY

Respectfully referred to

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

X ROTH L. DURFIELD

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

U. S. C.

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Dr. Ruth L. Surfield
Osteopathic Physician
7 SOUTH PINE STREET
TREMONT, PA.

January 16, 1963

Senator Joseph Clark
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Clark:

Today I was saddened by a communication from the Founding Church of Scientology, (1812 13th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.) a legally constituted church organization that they had been raided by United States Marshalls representing the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare in violation of the United States Constitution.

The purpose of the raid was to seize instruments used in their work, the records of the church plus books of philosophy whitten by the founder,-- all to be destroyed.

I am not a member of this organization but I am in sympathy with their motives. They are Patriotic American Citizens of whom we can be proud.

Please, Mr. Senator, diligently look into this dastardly act and see that we have a semblance of restoration of guarantees of freedom of worship.

A duplicate of this letter is being sent to Senator Hugh Scott.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Ruth Surfield

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Hubbard E meter
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February 5, 1963

L. Ron Hubbard
Distribution Center
Founding Church of Scientology
Washington, D. C.
etc.

Mrs. Phyllis K. Orcutt
Goffsville,
New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Orcutt:

We have your letter dated January 28, 1963, further expressing your views on Scientology and the use of the E meter.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

G. B. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Honorable David N. Henderson
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We have your inquiry dated January 30 with which you submit a copy of a letter from your constituent, W. J. Edwards of New Bern, North Carolina. He is concerned about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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DAVID N. HENDERSON
3D DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

HOME OFFICE:
WALLACE, N.C.

CHARLES O. WHITLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEE:
POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

3D DISTRICT COUNTIES:
CARTERET, CRAVEN, DUPLIN, HARNETT, JONES, ONSLOW, PAMLICO, PENDER, SAMPSON, WAYNE

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RM

January 30, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
U. S. Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education, Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received today from a constituent which is self-explanatory. I should appreciate a detailed report from you concerning the action of the Food and Drug Administration in this matter.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

David N. Henderson

David N. Henderson

Reply acknowledged

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The Distribution Center
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Honorable Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Senator Moss:

We have your request dated January 29, for information concerning the subject of the enclosed letter dated January 21 from your constituent, W. S. Wagstaff of Salt Lake City. His inquiry concerns the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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January 29, 1963

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Commissioner George P. Larrick
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

4-093V

Dear Mr. Larrick:

A disinterested constituent of mine has sent me the enclosures relative to the difficulties encountered by the Founding Church of Scientology, as it concerns the rules and regulations established by your agency.

May I respectfully ask for a complete report on the circumstances so that I may understand the complaint. I am confident that you will make every effort to protect the constitutional rights of this group and at the same time uphold the laws and regulations governing your agency.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Moss

Frank E. Moss
United States Senator

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PRODUCERS OF QUALITY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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January 21, 1963

Honorable Frank E. Moss
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ted:

I am enclosing some photocopies of material which were furnished me by Mr. M. H. Robineau, President of our company. Mr. Robineau states that he is not a member of the Founding Church of Scientology, but that he feels that both Mrs. Robineau and himself have received substantial benefits from the methods and procedures using the electrometer as an aid utilized by The Founding Church of Scientology, and is therefore soliciting aid to this matter, as he feels this could be a serious infringement of constitutional rights.

I do not have any of the facts or the position of the Government, but the case does sound extremely unusual, and if the facts as presented by the Founding Church of Scientology on the enclosed photostatic material are correct, the case deserves all of our attention. I am sure the Office of the Food and Drug Administration could furnish you the facts as they have them, as the seizure was made in Washington D. C., according to this information.

I am likewise sure that you would be interested in protecting our constitutional rights, if they are being violated.

Any assistance you can give on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

W. S. Wagstaff

WSW:rl

cc: M. H. Robineau, President
The Frontier Refining Co.
4040 East Louisiana Avenue
Denver 22, Colorado

4-093 V
Hubbard Electrometer
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington DC

FEB 4 1963

Honorable Robert H. Michel
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Michel:

We have your memorandum of January 23, 1963, requesting comments on an inquiry you received from H. John Bloomquist, President of Clear Sight, Inc. about the seizure of the E meter device.

Following our telephone conversation with Mr. Beecher of your staff, we sent you a letter on January 22, 1963 covering the details of the seizure action which we hope will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Bloomquist.

With respect to his inquiry as to where the disease claims are made in the literature we find mention of the diagnosis and treatment of disease in all pieces of the labeling seized in the action including such items as:

Instruction Manual on what to audit titled "Scientology: A History of Man"

Pamphlet "Dianetics the Evolution of a Science"

Pamphlet "Scientology 8 - 80"

Pamphlet "Scientology Fundamentals of Thought"

Pamphlet "Scientology: The Evolution of a Science"

Pamphlet "What is Scientology?"

Pamphlet "Sanity for the Layman" by Raymond Kemp, PhD

Instruction Manual "Advanced Procedure and Axioms"

Instruction Manual "The Hubbard Electrometer" by John Sanborn

Bulletins headed "L. Ron Hubbard's PAB'S" issues 1 through 5

Various issues of the periodical leaflet entitled "Ability."

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With respect to the identity of the investigators, we regret that we cannot supply this information now because the case is pending in court and this information is part of the Government's evidence.

If we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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R/d Signed:
John L. Harvey

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 23, 1963

Mr. M.R.Stephens
Bureau of Enforcement
Food and Drug Administration

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Robert H. Michel

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Clear Sight, Inc.
2520 S.W. Washington St.
Peoria, Illinois
Phone 673-4549
"We make the future"

Jan. 16, 1963

Hon. Robert H. Michel, M. C.
207 Old House Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter concerning the confiscation of materials from the Church of Scientology.

I appreciate the characteristic thoroughness with which you have investigated this matter, and will appreciate being informed as any further data comes to your attention.

If there has been any advertising of the electrometer for treatment of diseases, I would very much like to see these advertisements.

I became interested in Scientology in 1950, Bob, when I was pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church here in Peoria. Since then I have had considerable training and experience in Scientology, and attended the Academy in Washington two years ago while working toward my Doctorate. I have never known the electrometer to be used or represented by any responsible Scientologist as an instrument for the diagnosis or treatment of disease. If it supposed to be used in that manner, somebody goofed and left that out of my training!

Hon. Robert M

January 16, 1963

The electrometer has proved itself as an extremely useful instrument in connection with the freeing of the human spirit and the development of ability in many individuals. Intelligence quotients have gone up 20, 30, 40, 50 or more points, and personality analyses have shown dramatic changes in spiritual ability in thousands of recorded cases, using standard I.Q. tests and personality tests. I am informed that officers at the San Diego Naval base were so impressed with these results that they have authorized the use of Scientology processing for base personnel.

However, good results using Scientology processing were produced before the use of the electrometer was adopted. It is helpful, but not essential, in the spiritual exercises. It diagnoses nothing and treats nothing. When you are interested, as we are in Scientology, in the development of ability in the human spirit, the field of illness and disease lies outside the scope of your interest and activity. When a member of my family is ill, we call the doctor---the M.D., and he does the diagnosis and treatment. I don't haul out my electrometer, hook it up to my boy, and say, "aha, the meter shows you have an infection in the right inner ear. Now I will turn this dial and the infection will vanish."

Be nice to have a gadget like that, wouldn't it, Bob! If you know of one, let me know so Clear 4sight can get the nationwide distribution rights. I assure you, the electrometer isn't it, or we'd be selling them by the trainload.

Best regards,

John

R. John Bloomquist, President

P.S. If possible, I would like to know the name of the FDA inspector who posed as an Academy

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The Distribution Center
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FEB 4 1963

Honorable Walter S. Baring
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baring:

We have your letter of January 29, enclosing copy of a letter dated January 23 from the Reverend Maxine P. Ossman. Her protest concerns the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

Before making this seizure, a very careful investigation was made by our organization. The investigation developed that the E meter is nothing more than a simple galvanometer for conveying and measuring minute amounts of current from a small dry cell battery which is passed through the body when the tin can electrodes of the circuit are held in the hands. In a previous case involving a device of comparable construction, we had been able to establish that this type of machine has no value whatsoever in diagnosing or treating any disease of man. Nonetheless, the voluminous literature distributed by the Academy and the Guidance Center contains many representations that this device will treat and diagnose, detect and eliminate, all mental and nervous disorders and such serious diseases as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, radiation burns, and poliomyelitis, which are all classified as psychosomatic ailments in the literature.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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WALTER S. BARING
AT LARGE, NEVADA

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January 29, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Larrick:

SCIENTOLOGY

For your information I am attaching a copy of a letter I have received from The Reverend Maxine P. Ossmen. I would appreciate it if you would furnish me, for transmittal to her, a suitable reply to her letter.

Sincerely,

Walter S. Baring

WALTER S. BARING
Congressman for Nevada

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Attachment

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[illegible] 1988

[illegible]

[illegible] Bartine
State of Nevada
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bartine:

On January 4, 1988 [illegible] Church of Scientology [illegible] attack instigated by [illegible] of the U.S. Department of [illegible]

This attack is illegal. It is [illegible] Church but tomorrow it may well be another [illegible] and state of affairs [illegible] be invaded.

[illegible] about an atomic [illegible] being us but the opinion is less deadly than [illegible] destroy man under the cubo of legal procedures.

I pray you will look into this matter. Safeguard our liberties to insure a tomorrow of freedom.

Sincerely yours,

[signature]

[illegible] P. Dessen

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DETROIT DISTRICT

February 5, 1963

Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Hubbard E meter
FDC 48405

L. Ron Hubbard
Founding Church of Scientology
Hubbard Dianetics Assoc.
et al

Information obtained from Postal Inspectors indicates that the Detroit Police Department was in the process of developing a case against the Hubbard organizations in August 1953, and had contacted the Wayne County Medical Society.

Please visit the Police Department to determine what information they have available with follow-up at the Wayne County Medical Society.

Refer to DRM briefing memorandum of January 24, 1963.

Van W. Smart, Deputy Director

Enclosures:
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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

FEB 4 1963

Honorable Thomas H. Kuchel
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Kuchel:

We have your inquiry of January 21, 1963 with which you enclose an inquiry from Jon A. Ferguson, Box 345, Colusa, California, concerning the recent seizure of E meters and labeling at the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

January 21, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Food & Drug Administration
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of
THOMAS H. KUCHEL

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~~Mr. Jon A. Ferguson~~
Box 343
Colusa, California

U. S. S.

Re: Seizure of property and records of the Founding Church of Scientology, allegedly instigated by the Food and Drug Administration.

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Colusa, Califoria
January 17, 1963

The Honor,ble Thomas Koechel
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed is a communication received a few days ago.

Like Patrick Henry, I know now that death is preferable to denial of the freedom to persue the religion of my choice.

Scientology can well be the way, the only way, to save mankind from itself.

I now adjure you sir, to come to the aid of the freedom you are elected to protect.

Sincerely,
John A. Ferguson
Jon A. Ferguson

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9,
ADams 2-6296

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Rev. John Fuqua, D. D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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January 5, 1963

The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad.

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church.

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the United States Attorney's office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized.

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery to the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Administration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United State But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or to the Courts.

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khrushchev in Russia.

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the United States Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organizations?"

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed ... as it should have been ... that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on January 4th. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food and Drug Administration on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded.

[illegible] to facts [illegible] given to the Court, in the hope and expectation [illegible] it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology ... will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed without authorization from him.

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A STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD FOR THE PRESS

January 5, 1963

"Although I have few details all I can make of this is that the United States Government, not some special interest using the government, has launched an attack upon religion and is seizing and burning books of philosophy.

"Spiritual healing being legal under the laws of the District does not in any way influence or explain this action. The meter neither heals nor diagnoses. We or any doctor know that. The books do not talk about healing. They talk of the Laws of Life and the Spiritual Character of Man. They are not subversive nor pornographic nor do they specialise in healing. So the charges are completely false and will soon be disproven in Court.

"As an author this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?

"We have won through many attacks. If there was anything truly wrong with us we would have fallen years ago. We are still alive and the sun never sets on our organizations. We will win through this one with ease as we have done nothing wrong.

"But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized or burned?

"As the author of those books I am shocked to be told not to speak to Man about Freedom or the Spiritual Laws of Life.

"Tomorrow you too may have to start being careful about what you write. If they let us continue to write at all."

L. RON HUBBARD

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A SECOND STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD January 8, 1963

Commenting on the recent armed raid on the Church of Scientology, under the direction of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the seized philosophical and religious texts which are scheduled to be burned or otherwise 'disposed of' by the U. S. Government, said:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President Kennedy my assistance and help of Scientology in narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise man's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when Kennedy had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realise that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. Kennedy on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, if President Kennedy did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarrassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUBBARD

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Mr. J. F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

Twice within the past few weeks you have spoken publicly about the advancing of the human spirit, once at a banquet here in Washington, and again, to ex-prisoners of Castro, in Miami.

Therefore, I invite your personal attention to last Friday's raid, by U.S. Marshals, on a legally constituted church organization, The Founding Church of Scientology, at 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., in violation of the United States Constitution.

The purpose was to seize an instrument used in our confessional, and religious literature.

Mr. President, would you greet with equanimity, a loud interruption, by public servants, sworn to uphold the Constitution, of your private confessions to your priest? It happened here.

Please help to restore the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom by whatever means at your command.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Rev. H. R. Angell
Director of Training
Academy of Scientology
Founding Church of Scientology

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WHAT IS THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY?

The Founding Church of Scientology is a legally constituted Church, domiciled in the District of Columbia.

It has branches in other states, and has many correspondents and members of its sister religious fellowship in all parts of the world.

The Church of Scientology is dedicated to the freedom of the Spirit. The entirety of the activities of the Church of Scientology are dedicated to this end, to the freeing of the Spirit of Man.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man is Man himself, not his body.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man can be saved from the burden of past sins, by the counseling and aiding of the Spirit.

Our ends are purely spiritual, not secular.

By the means of Scientology, we believe, Man can be made free and pure, free of the taint of past sin and free to do good to himself and his fellows.

Scientology believes in religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Scientology will extend the hand of friendship to all who are believers in Man as a Spirit.

Scientology is a deadly enemy of secular teachings as stated by such latter day philosophers as Marx and others of that ilk.

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to survive.

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The Distribution Center
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Honorable John F. Baldwin
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

We have your letter of January 26, enclosing a letter dated January 21, from Mrs. Dana T. Warren, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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January 26, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Room 3360
Health, Education, and Welfare Building North
Washington 25, D. C.

4-0734

Dear Mr. Larrick:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated January 21, 1963, which I have received from my constituent, Mrs. Dana T. Warren, 115 W. Linda Mesa, Danville, California.

As you will notice, Mrs. Warren has expressed her deep concern about an unannounced raid, search and seizure of property of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C. It is my understanding that this raid was conducted by the United States Marshal at the request of the Food and Drug Administration.

I am anxious to see that Mrs. Warren's views receive full and proper consideration, and am therefore forwarding her letter to you for that purpose. I should deeply appreciate receiving a reply to her letter and would like to know why you authorized this type of raid.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Baldwin

JOHN F. BALDWIN
Member of Congress

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115 W.Linda Mesa
Danville, Calif.

January 21, 1963

The Honorable John Baldwin,
321 Old House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A friend has recently informed me of a governmental investigation, which took the form of an unannounced raid, search and seizure of property, of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C. I have seen no report of this; my friend, a member of a Scientology group in Berkeley, Calif., has been unable to learn anything further.

However, though I hold no particular brief for Scientology either as church or psychotherapy, I do strongly protest any such method of investigating ANY group whatsoever. My Revolutionary ancestors fought to free us from just such misuse of governmental power! Surely our courts, in their maintenance of law and order, are capable of seeking out information concerning the activities of any group openly and justly, with a public statement concerning the charges leveled against the group and a fair hearing to both sides so that a just determination of the truth may be made.

We live too much in a fog of distrust. Dissent or difference of opinion nowadays is too quickly called communist. Individual dignity and right of privacy have less and less meaning. How can the democracy we nourish and support and take pride in continue to exist when members of our government adopt totalitarian tactics before exhausting all other means? The Scientology case is only one of many; in protesting the means used in this one case, I protest all such means in all such cases.

You record as our representative assures me that you too work to reach our democratic goals by [illegible] means. I hope, if this report is true, you may be able to help restore my [illegible] justice.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Dana T. Warren

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Honorable Bill Stinson
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stinson:

We have your letter of January 26, reporting several inquiries received by you about the recent seizure of a number of Electrometers or E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology and enclosing one such letter from Mr. Ronald H. Arnold, an Assistant Pastor of that church.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Deputy Commissioner

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

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January 26, 1963

Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Health, Education and Welfare Building, N.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Commissioner: 4-0931

The enclosed letter from Ronald H. Arnold, Assistant Pastor, Church of Scientology of Washington State, is self-explanatory and is one of several that I have received from constituents.

I would greatly appreciate your looking into this matter for me and giving me a report on it so I may reply to these people.

Your early response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Stinson
Representative to Congress
7th Congressional District
State of Washington

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

We have your inquiry dated January 23, enclosing a letter dated January 18 from Mr. Ronald H. Arnold, and a letter dated January 17 from Dorothy Ann Broaded, both of Seattle. The letters protest the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology as an infringement of religious freedom.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

January 23, 1963

Respectfully referred to
Director,
Food and Drug Admin.

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

WARREN G. MAGNUSON U. S. S.

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Ronald H. Arnold

1112 FOURTH AVENUE SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON

January 18, 1963

The Honorable Warren G. Magnusson
U. S. Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnusson,

I am writing in regard to the January 4, 1963 seizure of religious and philosophical texts and pamphlets and the electrometer used in confessionals from the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C. by the Food and Drug Administration of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

I have been an ordained Minister of Scientology since 1955 and have come to accept harrassment as unavoidable to any new and sincere effort such as our religion, but this seizure is an outrage. Our Mother Church in Washington D. C. has time and again proven its loyalty and integrity, as have all its branches.

It is explicitly guaranteed in the Amendments to our Constitution that freedom of religion and expression shall prevail. This seizure is a serious and blatantly totalitarian breach of these liberties by that agency.

Obviously that agency is operating outside the bounds of these guarantees. Certainly there is cause for alarm and a definite indication that this matter deserves the closest scrutiny. I earnestly enlist your aid in setting this matter straight by restoring our property and l berties and in obtaining injunctions against future abuses.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Arnold

Ronald H. Arnold
Assistant Pastor
Church of Scientology
of Washington State

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1114 Taylor North
Seattle, Washington
January 17, 1963

The Honourable Senator Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

On January 4th, 1963, my Mother Church, The Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., was raided by the Agents of the Food and Drug Administration of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Administration. At that time there were 21 religious and phiosophical textbooks seized, along with the instruments we use in our confessionals.

Is this the start of religious persecution in the United States? Is this the start of burning of books? Am I to be denied my religious freedom, guaranteed me, by the Constitution of the United States?

Please, Senator Magnuson, help me in this unconstitutional attack on my religion. I am shocked that my government is using the same tactics that was the result of the Dark Ages.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Ann Broaded

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Honorable Leonard Farbstein
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farbstein:

We have your letter of January 28, enclosing a letter from David Ziff, Minister pro tem of the Founding Church of Scientology in New York. He protests the recent seizure of a number of E meters and their labeling on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Deputy Commissioner

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

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January 28, 1963

Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir: RZ 40434

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

LEONARD FARBSTEIN
M. C.
19th District

Re: David Ziff, Minister pro tem
Founding Church of Scientology
200 West 24th St. Suite 401
New York 11, New York

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THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
[illegible] 146 Street, Suite [illegible]
New York 11, N.Y.
WA 4-1112

Dear Sir:

I was a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship winner at Columbia where I also graduated cum laude in 1961. At about the same time I became a member of the Founding Church of Scientology and after years of arduous study I now joined its ministry. You may have read or heard about the raid by the Government's FDA by U.S. Marshals Jan 4 on our Church in Washington. Did you know that raid was made against a legally constituted Church? That the Government seized religious and philosophical books which they intend to burn? That a smear article arranged by the Government appeared in a Washington paper hours before the raid?

Sir, if you care for religious freedom in this country and our Constitution please carry out your sworn duty to defend our rights. Not only because Washington is a sister Church but also because the FDA intends to attack our Church here and every Scientology Church and home in America where the materials of our religion might be kept.

So, I urge you to courageous action on this. Will you do something? Will you speak out for religious freedom in this country?

My Best
David Ziff
Minister pro tem

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Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

We have your request for comments, dated January 28, enclosing a letter dated January 24 from your constituent, Robert W. Johnson, of Roselle, Illinois, protesting the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C. in which you have marked certain sections for particular comment.

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DONALD RUMSFELD
13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

ROOM 241, CANNON BUILDING
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 28, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Room 3360, HEW Building
Fourth and Independence, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from one of my constituents concerning the raid by the Federal Marshals on the Scientology headquarters here in Washington. Since this raid was authorized by a court order secured at the request of your Administration, I wonder if you would be kind enough to furnish me with the necessary information to answer the questions raised by Mr. Johnson I have marked in red four sections of the letter on which I would particularly like to have your comments.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld

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24 Jan '63

Rep. Donald Rumsfeld
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

JAN 26 1963

Dear Mr. Rumsfeld,

I am a member of the founding Church of Scientology whose headquarters in Washington D.C. were raided by Federal Marshals. While I recognize the Marshals made the raid by virtue of a court order, I seriously question the propriety and ethics of the court order and the raid.

Admittedly the teachings of Scientology are different from the teachings of older religions but, does this mean that the Church of Scientology is therefore held to be suspect? Since anyone is welcome isn't it possible that the Federal marshals could have asked and looked, rather than confiscate?

The reason given for the raid has to do with the use of what is known as an Electropsychometer (E-meter), the claims made for it, and whether or not it is a lethal instrument. Lethal, now? If they mean lethal like a shock therapy machine, it is not. If they mean lethal like a Roman Catholic confessional it is. To Scientology

moreover it is a means of telling one's confessional.

The court order alleges that Scientologists claim that the E-meter can cure mental and physical disorders. Nowhere in our literature is the claim made that the E-meter can cure anything. However, Scientologists claim that methods used by the Church can help a person to "Clear" (a "Clear" is a person at knowing and willing cause over his life and environment). As a by-product of clearing, the person can on his own determinism choose to have or not have mentals or physical impairments. The E-meter bears the same relationship to the confessional (clearing) as a dip stick does, to the oil level in an engine crankcase.

In my opinion this action by the Federal Marshals is an encroachment of religious freedom and is intolerable in a free country. Where do you stand, Mr. Rumsfeld? With this question I'm not asking for a run down on the legal procedures, but rather am asking

you to take a look for yourself what has happened. Scientology is open to anyone who comes to look. I don't desert a through look but, I am incensed that a raid could take place, by court order, before the interested parties bothered to really find out what they were doing. Religious freedom is at stake and is so fundamental that it is worth doing something about.

Your help will be appreciated Mr. Rumsfeld. Thank you.

Cordially Yours,

Robert W. Johnson

106 Collins St.

Rosville, Del.

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Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Proxmire:

We have your letter of January 25, enclosing a letter of January 17, from Mr. David Morgan, Biochemistry Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Mr. Morgan protests the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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X DAVID MORGAN

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaision
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

X SECRETARY

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By direction of

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William Proxmire

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GOVERNMENT
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JAN 19 1963
SENATOR PROXMIRE

Biochemistry Dept.
Univ. of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wis.
17 Jan. 1963

Senator William Proxmire
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

I recently received some information from the Church of Scientology in Washington that it was being investigated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. It was stated that this government agency has used unusual methods in its investigation including the seizure of much Church property with the intent to destroy it.

Since I am not living in Washington I have little information on what is going on there. It appears that there has been a threat to Article 1 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution by the action of FDA. I would very much appreciate your finding out from FDA what they are doing and why. Incidentally, a statement on the situation is available from the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th St., N. W. Wash 9, D. C.

I much appreciate your help. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

David Morgan

David Morgan

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Hubbard E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

February 4, 1963

Mrs. Horner
14 W. Elm Street, Apt. 603
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Horner:

We have your letter of January 28, in which you express your views on the nature of Scientology and the hope that the seizure of the E meters at Washington might be withdrawn. We cannot agree with you that there are no therapeutic claims made for the E meters seized at Washington.

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Apt 603,
14 W. Elm st,
Chicago,
Ill.

The Administrator
The Food & Drug Administration,
Wash D.C.

RM

4-0730

Dear Sir,

Recently the F.D.A. seized E-meters and materials from a religious organization in Wash.D.C. This is the Founding Church of Scientology.

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Scientology considers man to be three parts, body, mind, soul, and addresses the individual spirit. Scientology fills a need in Society which is seperate from the function of medicine and the therapeutic professions. All Scientology students know that they are not studying in the field of healing bodies, or giving therapy to mentally sick people. The E-meter is not used to diagnose illnesses. Scientologists work with normal people to increase their abilities. The aim is to help a person to become responsible, and have a

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very high sense of responsibility and creativeness in all areas of his living. Scientology lies more in the region shared by "The Power of Positive thinking", Dale Carnegies' works or Christian Science. I know many scientologists whose main source of income since 1950 is producing happier people. The emphasis is "how able and happy can man become" Scientologists contribute a great deal to society. There are graphs tests and reports on papers to verify this. The E-meter lends objectivity to the endeavours, instead of a less scientific method of depending only on the individual evaluations. The 5 basic reactions on the E-meter are found on everyone. It shows the degree of spiritual control the individual has over his mind, thoughts & emotions and the Scientology technique is used until the control becomes maximum.

I hope that the F.D.A. repeals the necessity for this arrest.

Sincerely, Mrs Horner

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Hubbard E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

We have your memorandum dated January 28, referring to a letter of January 25 from Mr. Richard D. Allen, Seattle, Washington, which protests the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures
cc this ltr
Ltr fr Constituent

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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United States Senate

January 28, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Department of Health, Education and Welfare

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Warren G. Magnuson, U. S. S.

GPO 16-7697-1

WGM:lb
Enc.
Richard D. Allen

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January 26, 1968

Dear Senator Magnusson,

A couple of months ago a violation of the Constitution of the United States was committed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

I refer to the raid on the Church of Scientology of Washington D.C. Books and equipment were confiscated by Federal Marshals and were to be burned or otherwise destroyed.

This sounds like something that may have happened in Russia or some other Totalitarian Government, but not here.

If this sort of thing is allowed to continue, the eventual freedom of all mankind is at stake.

Please look into this matter closely.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Allen

Richard D. Allen
726 Boylston East
Seattle 2, Wash.

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Hubbard E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

February 4, 1963

Miss Margaret McCormick
~~248 Gravilla~~
La Jolla, California

Dear Miss McCormick:

Your communication dated January 26 to the Secretary has been referred to this office for reply. We presume you are referring to the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Sincerely yours,

K. L. Milstead, Deputy Director
Bureau of Enforcement

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Dear Mr. Secretary

"Quasi Religion"!

What archangel appointed you + your F.F.D.R. as judges? 1181

Separation of church + state does exist here.

The U.S. government does not decide on what is or is not a religion.

Drop it!!

Margaret M. Ermick

CGB

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Hubbard E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

February 4, 1963

Mr. Paul Krassner
~~The Realist~~
225 Lafayette Street
New York 12, New York

Dear Mr. Krassner:

We have your letter of January 29, indicating that you plan to run an article concerning the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology at Washington, D.C., which article is supplied you by the Director of the Church. You indicate you would like to present some material from the standpoint of the Food and Drug Administration.

The following are the facts concerning the seizure.

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In accordance with your request, we are placing your name on our mailing list for releases.

Sincerely yours,

K. L. Milstead, Deputy Director
Bureau of Enforcement

cc DPI (Attn: Mailing List)

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PDB

Dear Sirs:

We are planning to run an article by the director of the Founding Church of Scientology, and since we would like to present both sides of the controversy, would you kindly send all material relating to it. Also, please place us on your mailing list to receive all FDA releases, retroactively to the beginning of this year, and if possible for 1962.

Many thanks,

(Paul Krassner)

The Realist

225 lafayette st.

new york 12, n.y.

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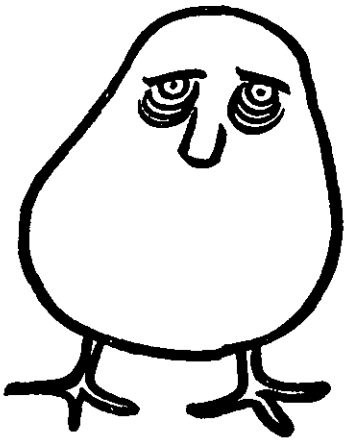

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Hubbard E meter
FDC 48405

Distribution Center, Inc
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Polly:

Your request of January 18, 1963, for comments on a letter you received from Richard D. Allen of Seattle, Washington, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration, and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Thomas M. Pelly
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure

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January 31, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter from Mr. Thomas M. Pelly dated January 18 with which he submitted a letter from his constituent, Mr. Richard D. Allen, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Jan. 18, 1963

Congressional Liaison Office
Department of Health, Edu. & Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

THOMAS M. PELLY, M. C.
FIRST DISTRICT
WASHINGTON STATE

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CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE
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January 18, 1968

Dear Congressman Foley,

I want you to check into this violation of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States. I refer to the raid a couple of months ago on the Church of Scientology of Washington D.C. Books and equipment that are used by the Church were impounded and are to be burned or otherwise destroyed.

Once something like this starts, there is no telling where it will end. Back in the dark ages?

We are supposed to be a free people. I dont care to be fed to the lions, so please look into this.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Allen

Richard D. Allen
726 Boylston East
Seattle 2, Wash.

Note: Answer on action taken requested.

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Honorable Roman Hruska
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

FEB 1 1963

Dear Senator Hruska:

This is in response to a request from Mr. Ron Raitt, of your staff, to Mr. Goodrich of our General Counsel's office, for information about the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure
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Hubbard E meter
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Distribution Center Inc
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Tower:

We have your request of January 22 that we reply directly to the letter dated January 16, from your constituent, T. H. Lair, of Sherman, Texas, concerning the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C.

We are enclosing a copy of our letter of January 30 to Mr. Lair. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure:
Ltr of Reply
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cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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Hubbard E Meter
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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Mr. T. M. Lair
2012 E. Cherry
Sherman, Texas

Dear Mr. Lair:

Senator Tower has asked that we supply the information you request in your letter of January 16, 1963 to him, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C. (w/ enclosures)

cc Congressional Liaison Officer

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Senator: TOWER, John G

Congressman:

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RM

DUE DATE: 1/30/63

CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE
C-O-N-G-R-E-S-S-I-O-N-A-L M-A-I-L

TO : Mr Larrick

4093

SUBJECT: T M Lair, Sherman, Tex inre Founding Church of Scientology

Jim G Akin

Please prepare a reply for the signature of ~~Byron E. Carter~~, Congressional Liaison Officer, and ~~return~~ to Room 5166 North on due date. ~~Long~~ Senator requested reply to constituent.

1/22/63 — Date of Incoming

1/23/63 — Date Forwarded

Acknowledgment and Interim Correspondence

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United States Senate

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January 23, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Health, Education & Welfare

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

John A. Tower U. S. S.

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Re: L. M. Lair
2012 E. Cherry
Sherman, Texas

Answer directly please

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2012 E. Cherry
Sherman, Texas
Jan. 16, 1963

Hon. John Tower
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sen. Tower:

I am very concerned with the activities of the FDA in connection with its seizure of property of The Founding Church of Scientology. It seems that an organization should be allowed its civil liberties and not be persecutated because of its beliefs. I realize that the belief in the spiritual nature of man is not highly regarded, but many organizations do follow this. Christian Science is allowed its practioners, faith healers are not interfered with, and there are dozens of questionable mystic organizations that make wild sounding claims. Why should Scientology be singled out?

Although I am not a member of this group I have followed its activities since it was organized many years ago. I have attended lectures, read its literature, studied its theories and its practices. I feel that I do know its aims, practices, and outlook. All the electro-meter does is locate areas of emotional stress in people and a process similar to confessional is used in this stress area. The practioners are all highly trained in this field before they are allowed to be liscensed; in fact I would not doubt that they receive more training when viewed from the single subject than most ministers, psychologists, or what have you.

I realize that the FDA is out of your sphere of operations, but I would appreciate it if you could see that they get a fair hearing and a fair deal out of this. I am enclosing some explanitory material covering the incidents mentioned in this letter.

Send to department - answer directly please.

Note: Enclosures not [illegible]

Sincerely,

T. M. Lair

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Honorable John G. Tower
~~United States~~ Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Tower:

We have your request of January 23, that we reply directly to the letter of January 18, from your constituent, Mrs. Glen Gibbins of Wichita Falls, Texas, concerning the recent seizure of E meters ~~on the premises~~ of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

We are enclosing a copy of our letter to Mrs. Gibbins. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure:
Ltr of Reply

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FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Mrs. Glen Gibbins
1608 Bert
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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc Honorable John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C. (w/enclosures)

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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United States Senate

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January 23, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

EAH
U. S. S.

Re: Mrs. Glen Gibbins
1608 Bert
Wichita Falls, Texas
Answer Direct, please.

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1638 Bert
Wichita Falls, Texas

Senator John Tower
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

An incident has occured in Washington D.C. that seems almost unbelievable. The U.S. Government in the costume of the Food & Drug administration is now attacking religious freedom. On January 5th they sent armed U.S. Marshells into The Founding Church of Scientology and seized property and records belonging to that religious organization.

This violation represents an attack on all religious freedom and freedom of speech. Please check into this for yourself and do what you can to restore the property of the church to its rightful guardians. Those responsible for this attack should be sought out and exposed for their contemptable deed.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter.

Sincerely
Mrs. Glen Gibbins

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 1, 1963

Mr. Lyle Trafford, Jr.
224 West 67th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Trafford:

Your wire to the President dated January 14, protesting the seizure of E meter devices at Washington, D.C., has been referred to us for reply.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

FDA Copy

4-093 V
Hubbard E Meter
FDC 48405

The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Montoya:

Enclosed is a report of the Food and Drug Administration in response to your request of January 21, for information concerning the recent seizures of E meters in possession of the Founding Church of Scientology.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Joseph M. Montoya
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
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January 29, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter of Joseph M. Montoya dated January 21, 1963, in which he reports that a constituent has inquired concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D.C.

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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AT LARGE—NEW MEXICO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND RELATED AGENCIES—INCLUDING:
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
EMERGENCY FUND—NATIONAL DEFENSE

January 21, 1963

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Mrs. Jim Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

By 4093V

Dear Mrs. Akin:

One of my constituents has contacted me in connection with the recent action taken by the Food and Drug Administration against the Founding Church of Scientology by removing the ~~Hubbard~~ Electrometer from its headquarters located at 1812 - 19th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

I would very much appreciate receiving information relative to this action by the Food and Drug Administration in order that I may more fully reply to this inquiry.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter and with warm personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Montoya

Joseph M. Montoya
U. S. Representative

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The Distribution Center
Washington D. C.
February 1, 1963

Miss Doris Wright
200 West 24th Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Wright:

Your wire to the President dated January 15, protesting the seizure of E meter devices at Washington, D.C., has been referred to us for reply.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

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Rev. H. R. Angell
Director of Training
Academy of Scientology
Founding Church of Scientology
1812 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Reverend Angell:

We have been asked to reply to your letter addressed to the President protesting the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices and labeling for the devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

Seizure of misbranded devices is authorized by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. However, final determination lies with the court as to whether or not the article is represented to be and is used as a diagnostic and therapeutic device subject to the requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. It is our view that the article is such a device as set forth more fully in the Libel of Information filed at the time of seizure.

We understand that you are a party to the seizure action, having appeared as one of the claimants. You will therefore have an opportunity, if you elect to contest the action, to present your evidence to the court. This evidence will be given full consideration by the court and all of your legal and constitutional rights will be protected in such court proceedings.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Mrs. Byers

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R/D Signed: JLHarvey

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

Honorable Emilio Q. Daddario
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

FEB 1 1963

Dear Mr. Daddario:

We have your inquiry dated January 22, enclosing a letter dated January 16, from George I. Hackenberger, Jr., Suffield, Connecticut, which questions whether the recent seizure of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology may be an interference with freedom of religion.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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Ltr fr. Constituent

cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 22, 1963 196

Food and Drugs Administration
Congressional Liaison Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir: Following Chum of Cocktail

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

EMILIO Q. DADDARIO M. C.
1st District, Connecticut
1006 NHOB
Washington 25, D. C.

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[illegible] Thrall Ave.
Suffield, Conn.
Jan. 16, 1963

The Hon. Emilio Q. Daddario
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Congressman:

The enclosed material arrived on our doorstep in today's mail. If you have the time to read through it you will know as much about it as we do. The writers allege a violation of their civil liberties in that they, a church, have been raided by U.S. Marshalls. There is no reason for any rational person to accept the contents of the enclosed material at face value, and, in fact, every reason to assume that a new administration willing to make political sacrifices in the South in a fight for civil liberties would not violate them in Washington, D.C. Nevertheless, we hope that it will be possible for your office to find an opportunity to check on the facts of this matter. Injustices have happened before and will probably happen again.

About 13 years ago we read a book written by the man Hubbard quoted in the enclosed material. We became mildly interested in the ideas he advanced (then called Dianetics, with no religious connotations) and pursued these ideas for about a year. When the adherents of Dianetics became completely irrational, we dropped all interest and contact with this group, but failed to secure from our mailing list; thus the enclosed. In the interim these misguided people have apparently decided to organize themselves as a church. We may question their wisdom, but surely not their right to do this if they wish.

Judged solely on the basis of our contact with the followers of Hubbard circa 1950, if there is a legitimate charge against these people it is probably one of practicing medicine without proper licensing: their pretensions at that time were pointed in that direction.

If this is indeed the charge, then one needs to ask whether or not these people should have the right to do this if they wish. What are they doing to one another which is basically different from those things which Christian Scientists daily inflict on each other?

We hold no brief for these people: they are probably, by generally accepted standards, irrational. We hold strongly, however, that they should and do have the Constitutional right to be irrational in their religious beliefs if their discretion so directs. When the day comes that the government can decide what is proper and what isn't in matters of religion we are all in trouble!

Because we have no way of knowing the facts of the matter, this letter is written. In the midst of the countless matters of unquestioned importance which concern the Congress, perhaps this apparently trivial matter which may concern the basic civil liberty of a few people will not be too small to warrant some attention.

Very truly yours,

George I. Hackenberger Jr.

George I. Hackenberger Jr.

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1963

U. S. Veterans Administration
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Vermont Avenue - Between H & I Streets, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: John S. Gleason, Jr.

Gentlemen:

In connection with a case presently pending in the District Courts, we are investigating the activities and background of Mr. Lafayette Ronald Hubbard.

Our investigation indicates that this individual is drawing a 30% disability for claims of arthritis incurred while serving in the U. S. Navy.

We would appreciate verification of this information and any other information which might aid our investigation of the background of this individual.

Mr. L. Ron Hubbard's Naval Serial No. is 113392.

Sincerely yours,

Van W. Smart, Deputy Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Honorable Laverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Senator Saltonstall:

We have your inquiry dated January 22 enclosing an undated letter and statements of the Founding Church of Scientology signed by Mr. John Fudge, protesting the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of that organization.

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Director

Enclosure
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cc Congressional Liaison Officer

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United States Senate

January 22, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Hon. Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Leverett Saltonstall
U. S. S.

GPO 16-72637-1

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C
ADams 2-6296

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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trustees: L. Ron Hubbard, President, Mary Sue Hubbard, Secretary, Marilynn Routsong, Treasurer
Church services · Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m.

WHAT IS THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY?

The Founding Church of Scientology is a legally constituted Church, domiciled in the District of Columbia.

It has branches in other states, and has many correspondents and members of its sister religious fellowship in all parts of the world.

The Church of Scientology is dedicated to the freedom of the Spirit. The entirety of the activities of the Church of Scientology are dedicated to this end, to the freeing of the Spirit of Man.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man is Man himself, not his body.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man can be saved from the burden of past sins, by the counseling and aiding of the Spirit.

Our ends are purely spiritual, not secular.

By the means of Scientology, we believe, Man can be made free and pure, free of the taint of past sin and free to do good to himself and his fellows.

Scientology believes in religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Scientology will extend the hand of friendship to all who are believers in Man as a Spirit.

Scientology is a deadly enemy of secular teachings as stated by such latter day philosophers as Marx and others of that ilk.

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to Survive.

STATEMENT BY F JNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTO OGY,
WASHINGTON, D.C. January 5, 1963

The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad.

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church.

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the United States Attorney's office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized.

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery to the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Administration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United States. But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or to the Courts.

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khruschev in Russia.

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the United States Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organizations?"

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed ... as it should have been ... that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on January 4th. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food and Drug Administration on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded.

Necessarily, all the facts will be given to the Court, in the hope and expectation that it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology ... will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed without authorization from him.

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A STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD FOR THE PRESS

January 5, 1963

"Although I have few details all I can make of this is that the United States Government, not some special interest using the government, has launched an attack upon religion and is seizing and burning books of philosophy.

"Spiritual healing being legal under the laws of the District does not in any way influence or explain this action. The meter neither heals nor diagnoses. We or any doctor know that. The books do not talk about healing. They talk of the Laws of Life and the Spiritual Character of Man. They are not subversive nor pornagraphic nor do they specialize in healing. So the charges are completely false and will soon be disproven in Court.

"As an author this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?

"We have won through many attacks. If there was anything truly wrong with us we would have fallen years ago. We are still alive and the sun never sets on our organizations. We will win through this one with ease as we have done nothing wrong.

"But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized or burned?

"As the author of those books I am shocked to be told not to speak to Man about Freedom or the Spiritual Laws of Life.

"Tomorrow you too may have to start being careful about what you write. If they let us continue to write at all."

L. RON HUBBARD

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A SECOND STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD January 6, 1963

Commenting on the recent armed raid on the Church of Scientology, under the direction of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the seized philosophical and religious texts which are sheduled to be burned or otherwise 'disposed of' by the U.S. Government, said:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President Kennedy my assistance and the help of Scientology in narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested ted from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise men's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when Kennedy had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realize that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. Kennedy on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, If President Kennedy did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUBBARD

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Mr. J. F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Twice within the past few weeks you have spoken publicly about the advancing of the human spirit, once at a banquet here in Washington, and again, to ex-prisoners of Castro, in Miami.

Therefore, I invite your personal attention to last Friday's raid, by U.S. Marshals, on a legally constituted church organization, The Founding Church of Scientology, at 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., in violation of the United States Constitution.

The purpose was to seize an instrument used in our confessional, and religious literature.

Mr. President, would you greet with equanimity, a loud interruption, by public servants, sworn to uphold the Constitution, of your private confessions to your priest? It happened here.

Please help to restore the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom by whatever means at your command.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. H. R. Angell

Rev. H. R. Angell
Director of Training
Academy of Scientology
Founding Church of Scientology

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1963

Mr. B. Chandler
234 A Street
Davis, California

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This is in reply to your letter of January 17, protesting the seizure of a number of E meters in Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Jan 25, 1963

Pure Food and Drug Administration
U. S. Dep't of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary:

I wish to protest the siezure by your office of property and records belonging to the Founding Church of Scientology located in Washington, ~~D. C.~~ This siezure is especially reprehensible since your own district office in Chicago rules against siezure of this property, and the Customs Bureau also has ruled against its legality.

Like any religious person, I hope to be able under the first amendment to practice my personal religion in any way I choose, so long as it hurts no one. Scientology is my religion and I and my fellow Scientologists wish to insist on rights equal to those that other religions enjoy.

When the rights of any small group are threatened, those of all of us are endangered. Isn't that a trusim by now?

Trusting that you will be able to bring your attention to bear on the problem toward rectifying it, I remain

B. Chandler
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Davis, Calif.

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L. Ron Hubbard
Founding Church of Scientology
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Distribution Center Inc
Hubbard Guidance Center
et al

Our current investigation of the subject and subject firms indicates that the State Medical Board of Houston, Texas, corresponded with the Better Business Bureau in Washington, D. C., on April 19, 1961. Indications are that the State Medical Board had been receiving inquiries concerning Mr. L. Ron Hubbard.

Please visit the State Medical Board in Houston to determine if they have received any complaints concerning the individual or his associated firms. Any action taken by the State Medical Board would be desirable information. Please refer to our briefing memorandum of January 24, 1963.

Van W. Smart

Enclosure:
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14 Washington Place
New York, N. Y.
February 4, 1963

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Mr. G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Food and Drug Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Goldhammer:

Thank you so much for your carefully reasoned letter of January 31, 1963 regarding FDA seizure of E-Meters. I must say that I can well understand your point of view and findings on this subject.

I feel that the insights that I have gained as a "pre-clear" in scientology during the past year may be of value to you in assessing the evidence which you feel you have uncovered.

In the first place, to introduce myself, I am a college trained chemist with a Master's Degree in Chemistry. I am 46 years of age, married, 3 children, and have a small business producing industrial chemicals.

I was introduced to Scientology in November 1961 by a fellow chemical engineer. I have read a great deal of the literature, and have undergone a number of hours of processing by trained auditors toward the state of "clear," which is a state of high spiritual awareness that results in high ethical level and high ability.

The religious truth of scientology is a rather basic and ancient one, and very, very simple to describe. The essential nature of the human being is spirit. The body is not the person, the body simply belongs to the person, and the person is a spiritual entity. All religions have had this as their basic belief. Where scientology departs from the traditional religions is that the existence of spirit is, with us, not an article of faith or belief, but a religious truth. And it is our well-validated contention that the more aware a person becomes that he is essentially a spiritual entity, the better person he becomes in every department - ability, health, emotional stability, ethics, etc. Scientological processing is precisely directed toward increasing this spiritual awareness, gradiently, and with the full compliance and consent of the pre-clear.

To summarize this important point -- man is not identical to his body, he is in essence a spiritual entity. This is a religious truth, independent of the belief or faith of the pre-clear. Precise processes can be and have been devised to gradiently achieve an awareness of this, on every level of behavior and action. The happiness, sanity, goodness and ability of man depends on this awareness.

The E-Meter is not an essential part of scientological processing, but it surely helps. Having been trained in the sciences, I have never had any difficulty in understanding what the E-Meter is supposed to do. It is postulated that the body has minute changes in electrical flow, when mental image

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pictures (so-called facsimiles) are introduced or are changed or are eliminated, and that these changes in electrical flow are thus registered on a sensitive electrometer known as the E-Meter. Scientological processing is a highly stylized form of confessional, and the E-Meter readings simply assists the auditor in directing the pre-clear to look at mental image pictures which are just below his level of awareness. There is no mysticism in this, and I never had any impression that the meter is used to cure or diagnose anything. I can see how auditors or pre-clears who do not have basic training in electricity might arrive at certain odd conclusions about the E-Meter. For myself I have never been fully convinced of the basic idea that a change of electrical flow is associated with change in mental image pictures, but it is hardly an incredible idea, and the overall process is so effective that I simply allow myself to be uncertain about the E-Meter.

The E-Meter is, then, neither diagnostic or curative. In fact scientology is neither diagnostic or curative. The E-Meter assists in processing, but is not essential to it. In your letter (paragraph 4), you represent scientologists as asserting that "the benefits of E-Meters could be achieved by any individual without any interest or belief in the church." This would be correct if the word "E-Meters" was replaced by "processing." In other words the benefits of processing can be achieved without interest or belief in the church. This is because the basic religious truth of scientology is a truth regardless of faith or belief, that man is a spiritual entity whether he knows it or not, that the more he knows it the better off he is, and that the processes of scientology are directed toward his gradient awareness of it. Faith or belief have no place in the Church of Scientology. Knowingness and certainty do.

In spite of what overenthusiastic pre-clears and even auditors may say, scientology processes are never, never directed toward the elimination of specific mental or physical illness. It is considered dangerous perversion of scientology processes if they are used for such purposes. But I must tell you that it is my deepest reality that as man gains increasing awareness of his spiritual nature, a lot of unwanted baggage such as excessive susceptibility to disease, mental illness, unrealized ambitions, unhappiness, anti-social behavior simply fall by the wayside. Mr. Goldhammer, there is nothing particularly new in all this. It is well-known that genuinely religious people rarely go to psychiatrists compared to other sections of the population. Faith cures are a validated though rare thing. What is new is that these are now taken out of the realm of superstition and miracles. In the twentieth century, we can now cope with these with a precision worthy of the space age. It is amazing to me how such a fantastically simple, sane and effective truth is so readily resisted and misunderstood by our society.

I must tell you that scientologists and pre-clears themselves are sometimes responsible for such misunderstanding. There is such an enthusiasm in this young religion on the basis of the incredible accomplishments which are created over and over again, that they simply can't confront it and they start talking about curing disease and other idiotic stuff which is simply untrue, aberrated and hurts our ability to help our fellow men. The Church is not free of error, and what human institution is? But it has an uncanny

capacity to confront its errors, correct them without a lot of fuss, and persist in its magnificent purpose of producing a better world. On many counts, I have from time to time developed doubts concerning the validity of scientology. But when I see what it does, with certainty, for anybody who persists in its processes, for people of the most diverse backgrounds and native attainments, it is simply impossible not to be impressed by what one sees. The Church of Scientology has a simplicity and sanity of purpose which makes it invulnerable to destruction by government or detractors. If all literature were confiscated, if all E-Meters were dis-allowed, if every church building were condemned, there would still remain the highly ethical form of communication known as auditing, where one person could completely confront the words and being of another, and receive their communication without evaluation or criticism.

I myself have attained my own certainty on the truth of scientology. If the whole organization went down the drain, and the head were locked up as a charlatan, my own certainty would be unimpaired.

Concerning the manner in which auditors can make money for themselves and their organizations, this is unfortunately a problem which all religions face. I admit that, as a pre-clear, I have had difficulty in the past in confronting the directness with which this problem is faced. Scientology is young. Most auditors have given up other means of living, and are reasonably poor. They need money to survive. That's the way it is. But there is a basic sincerity; joy and hope about this Church which makes all the other stuff worth while. With all that, under the present co-audit set-up, it is possible today for a pre-clear to be processed to the state of "clear" for an extremely modest expenditure.

I am not a trained scientologist and have only been on the receiving end of this magnificent concept. I hope to reverse the flow some day. However, while I have no authority or responsibility to make such a suggestion, it appears to me that the evidence out of context could be mis-leading, and that an obvious item of evidence which is glaringly lacking is the testing and validating of the entire concept. Why not have one of your people avail themselves of the accredited services of the Washington Church, with any skepticism and caution which he wants to bring into it, and make his progress one of the data on which a judicial decision is based. The only requirement would be, I suppose, that he would agree to persist until the processing cycle were completed. I emphasize that this is merely my suggestion, and I haven't the slightest idea whether the Washington group would go along.

In the meantime, for goodness sake, don't see fraud where there is none. There's enough of the real variety around. Give them back their tools, so they can get on with their work and help all of us including our government.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Jacobs

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Honorable Stuart Symington
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Symington:

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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January 23, 1963

United States Senate

Attached letter from:
Mr. H. Lynn White
H. Lynn White, Inc.
4110 Main Street
Kansas City 11, Mo.
re The Church of Scientology

Respectfully referred to

Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration

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with thanks for such favorable consideration as the communication herewith submitted warrants, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Stuart Symington

Stuart Symington U. S. S.

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H. Lynn White, Inc.

WHOLESALE DECORATIVE FABRICS

4110 MAIN STREET — KANSAS CITY 11, MISSOURI — PHONE WESTPORT 1-2722

January 21, 1963

Stuart Symington
United States Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Church of Scientology of Washington, D.C., an organization devoted to the improvement and betterment of the Spirit of Man, has recently had property, records and books seized by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, in violation of the constitutional rights of freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

I am deeply concerned about this violation of rights by a bureau of the government, and I ask you as my elected representative to do what you can to correct this situation.

Sincerely yours,

H. Lynn White

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Honorable Clifford P. Case
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Case:

We have your letter of January 24 requesting comment on the recent seizure of a number of E meters and their labeling attached, on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C. You enclosed a letter dated January 16, from Mr. R. Michael Carroll, Haddonfield, New Jersey, as typical of several protests you have received.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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January 24, 1963

Mr. George P. Larrick
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Room 3360, HEW Building, North
4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Commissioner:

I enclose a copy of a letter typical of several I have received from constituents with regard to the Founding Church of Scientology.

I shall appreciate receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case

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U. S. Senator

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Honorable Clifford P. Case
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Case:

On January 4, 1963 U.S. Marshals conducted an armed raid on the premises of a church in Washington, D.C. to seize private property, books, and papers without proper authority and in direct violation of the First and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution.

The action was instituted by the Food and Drug Administration under the pretext that the property and literature consisted of falsely labeled diagnostic and therapeutic machinery. This is a gross misunderstanding of the nature of the church, its work, and the instruments seized.

The church in question is the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. It has been a legally constituted church in the District of Columbia for many years and conducts regular services, weddings, and baptisms as well as an extensive program of spiritual counseling and education concerning Man as a spiritual being. The Church has branches and affiliates all over the world.

The Church of Scientology is outstanding in its understanding of Man and Life, and the confessional given by its Ministers has brought to thousands of persons benefits which have enabled them to be more sane and able citizens.

An essential part of the Church's confessional is the use of an electronic instrument which assists the Minister and the confessor in discovering the truths and sins of the confessor's life and thought. In discovering the truth, the confessor is freed of the confusion and disability resulting from past, unrealized sins.

The instruments used are refined versions of the psychogalvanometer, which is a portion of the polygraph, or "lie detector". Its entire function and use is to discover hidden, emotionally charged sins, not to "diagnose" or "treat" as the FDA mistakenly charged.

I have received immense benefit from the confessions of the Church of Scientology for many years. I have made an extensive study of its teachings. Never has it been represented to me that the Church or its confessional instruments will in any way "treat" or "diagnose" any bodily ill.

In this seizure the FDA is directly acting to interfere with my practice of my personal religion. I have sought and found in the Confessional of the Church of Scientology a profound understanding of Man, Life, and God which has resulted in my being able to make many useful contributions to the defense of the Nation, through my profession as an engineer.

The Church of Scientology is a dedicated enemy of Communism and seeks no usurpation of the place of the larger churches. Its goals are a sane and free society.

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I think it unbecoming of our government bureaucracy to engage in armed persecution of a religious sect in the face of recent statements about religious and spiritual freedom by the President. Scientology has much to offer our Nation in its struggle against Communism and its attempts to aid the underdeveloped nations of the world.

As my representative in Congress, I respectfully request that you investigate and discover for yourself the unthinking enormity of this seizure, and find why persons in the Food and Drug Administration should seek to attack this Church. Neither the Court which issued the seizure papers, nor the Attorney General's office were informed that the premises of a church were to be entered, or that personal property of individual Ministers was to be seized. There are other irregularities of procedure in this which bear investigation.

Yours truly,

R. Michael Carroll

209 Washington Avenue
Haddonfield, New Jersey
January 16, 1963.

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Honorable Robert W. Kastenmeier
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1963

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Food & Drug Administration
Congressional Liaison Officer
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a communication I recently received from one of my constituents, David Morgan, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Would you be good enough to review the attached correspondence and accord every proper consideration to the problem discussed therein, based on its merits?

I shall greatly appreciate a report in duplicate on the matter together with the return of the enclosed as promptly as possible, in order that I may inform the writer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bob Kastenmeier

ROBERT W. KASTENMEIER
Member of Congress

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Honorable Robert Kastenmeier
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for the copy of the "Freedom Tax Bill".

I recently received some information from the Church of Scientology in Washington that it was being investigated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. It was stated that this government agency has used unusual methods in the investigation including the seizure of much Church property with the intent to destroy it.

Not being in Washington I have little information on what is going on. It appears that there has been a threat to Article 1 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution by the action of FDA. I would much appreciate it if you would find out from FDA what they are doing and why. Incidentally, a statement on the situation is available from the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th St. N. W. Wash. 9, D. C.

Many thanks for your help. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

David Morgan

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Honorable Brooks Hays
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hays:

We are enclosing a proposed draft reply to the Reverend John Fudge of the Founding Church of Scientology as requested by your letter of January 22, submitting an undated sheaf of material supplied you by John Fudge concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Before undertaking this case, we submitted all of the facts to our General Counsel's office and they were discussed in considerable detail at the Department of Justice. Of course, the possibility that the religious defense would be made was recognized, but our attorneys concluded after reviewing the facts we had collected that this serious health menace could be dealt with without any involvement in religious questions.

Since most of this material is known to Mr. Fudge and is incorporated in the literature seized as labeling, we did not incorporate it in your reply to him.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosure
Draft Reply

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cc Cong. Liaison Officer

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D R A F T

Dear Reverend Fudge:

We have your letter protesting that a recent seizure of instruments and literature on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology is an infringement of your rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution.

I am advised by the Food and Drug Administration that after a review of the activities of your organization, it was concluded that the Hubbard E meter is a device within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and subject to the regulations of that Act. The seizure action filed under the Act is solely against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. The charges brought by the Government against the device are subject to final adjudication by the courts as to whether or not the article is a device and is subject to the requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

We are informed that the Founding Church of Scientology and a number of individuals have appeared as claimants in that action. We are sure that all claimants will be given a full hearing in the courts and that all of their legal and constitutional rights and privileges will be preserved by the court.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.
Assistant Pastor
The Founding Church of Scientology
1812 19th Street, N.W.
Washington 19, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commissioner of Food and Drug
Department of Health, Education and
Welfare

I would appreciate your preparing a draft reply to this communication from Rev. John Fudge, Assistant Pastor, Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

Thanks so much.

Brooks Hays

Brooks Hays
Special Assistant to the President

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Washington D C

January 31, 1963

Mr. Phillip W. Warren
University of Minnesota
College of Science, Literature,
and the Arts
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Warren:

This replies to your letter of January 14 requesting information about a seizure of E meters in Washington.

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Thank you for writing. We appreciate your comments.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS 14

LABORATORY FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL RELATIONS

January 14, 1963

Mr. Wallace F. Janssen
Food and Drug Administration
Division of Public Information
3501 Raymond St.
Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

Dear Mr. Janssen;

I am writing you to request information on the recent dealings of FDA with the Scientology organization. I would like to know the history of the FDA's dealings with Scientology including references to, or copies of, the relevant documents. Also I would appreciate information of any of the District FDA officies (eg. Chicago) who have had anything to do with Scientology.

In particular, I am curious as to the basis on which the FDA's statement that the "E-meters"are "adequate and effective for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, detection and elimination of the cases (sic) of all mental and nervous disorders and illnesses..." (Mpls. Sunday Tribune, p. 14B, Jan.6, 1963, UPI release). This is indeed false and misleading as any Scientologist would admit, and I would appreciate a reference to some Scientology literature which the FDA used to make the charge.

From what I understand of Scientology "processing" , there are three ingredients which are claimed necessary (none are sufficient or "adequate") to attain a given end: (1) A skilled or trained person: skilled both in the using of the "E-meter" and applying the"processes". (2) An accurate "E-meter" which will give information releva to the process. (3) Willingness on the part of the subject to follow through with the specified technique or process.

My interest in Scientology stems from three sources:

(1). Scientology appears to be a unique combination of East and West. It uses methods based on Western science and technology to attain ends espoused by certain forms of Eastern mystic religions (especially Buddhism and Zen in particular, and Taoism). I am interested in Scientology, then,as a social movement which represents a unique aspect of the general interest in Eastern thought which has arisen in the western world (cf. existentialism, Zen Buddhism

(2). Scientology also has a possible contribution to make to the substance of psychology and psychotherapy. I realize that this is not a popular belief, from my own limited contact with the "therapy" certain strange phenomena oc which are foreign to most of contemporary psychology and psychotherapy. The "E-meter" (which by the way is neither "poly" nor "graphic" as was state in the paper) is no ordinary instrument as far as I can determine.

(3). Thirdly, I am concerned with the possible breach of civil rights involved in encounter between Scientology and the U.S. Government in general. There appea to be a large amount of confusion about the whole matter and I would apprecia some clarification. I am not worried about the outcome for Scientology for a little "persecution" never hurt any social movement or religion, but am concer about the manner in which the whole affair was conducted.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Phillip W. Warren

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Honorable Silvio O. Conte
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Powers

Dear Mr. Conte:

The following information is supplied as requested by Mr. Powers' telephone call of January 23 to Mr. Cain of this Administration concerning a letter from Miss Ann Horner of the Founding Church of Scientology complaining of the seizures of E meters and labeling.

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Mr Kayt

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Cong Devine's office
Mr. Kayt

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

January 31, 1963

I visited the Municipal Court for the District of Columbia and reviewed the defendants docket to determine if any actions had been taken against L. Ron Hubbard or his associated firms. The following items were noted:

1. Reference 502-57 dated July 12, 1957, a tax lien against the Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation.

2. 504-57 tax lien dated July 15, 1957, a tax lien against Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation.

3. Reference No. 46923 dated Nov. 9, 1956, a tax lien against the Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation.

4. Reference No. 25006 dated Dec. 19, 1951, tax lien against the Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation.

5. Reference No. MC2286-58 dated Aug. 28, 1958, this indicates that a judgment for the plaintiff, Woodward & Lothrop & Co. was made against L. Ron Hubbard, Jr. and Henrietta Hubbard. The judgment for the plaintiff went by default on a verified demand for $295.90 with interest at 6% per annum from Feb. 1, 1957, and costs, versus both defendants.

6. Reference civil action 14-60, taken against the Founding Church of the District of Columbia, Founding Church of New York, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, Mary Hubbard and Marilyn Routsong. This civil action consists of a rather thick file of complaints, counter-complaints, motions and counter-motions. Of interest in this file is that the attorney for Joseph Ettelman indicates in his original complaint that the church is not a religious organization and is a fraud against the public. Through various motions this paragraph was taken out of the complaint on orders of the District Court. This action was instituted by Attorney Malcolm Houlton who we have already interviewed. General Counsel's Office may be interested in looking over these records to determine how they would pertain to our present case.

7. Reference No. 1089-62, a tax lien against the Founding Church of the District of Columbia, dated June 14, 1962.

8. Reference No. 25006 dated Dec. 19, 1951, a tax lien against the Hubbard Dianetics Research Foundation.

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No copies were obtained of these various actions due to the large number of reproductions that would be necessary.

A list of the 38 claimants in this 5 meter seizure was supplied to the Criminal Records Department of the District of Columbia Police Department on January 31. No records were available on any of these 38 individuals.

George D. Tilroe
George D. Tilroe
Inspector, Baltimore District

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Honorable James G. Fulton
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fulton:

We have your letter of January 22, enclosing a letter from Mr. George J. Haberman, Pittsburgh, dated January 15, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters and labeling on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

22 January 1963

Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

M.C.

27th - Pennsylvania District.

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JAMES G. FULTON
27TH DIST., PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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22 January 1963

Mr. George J. Haberman
208 Linnview Avenue
Pittsburgh 10, Pennsylvania

Dear Haberman:

Your recent letter was called to my personal attention, and I have read it with care.

In order to be of every possible assistance, I have called your letter to the attention of the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, D. C., for their attention and consideration.

I want you to know I am glad to be of service in contacting the Food and Drug Administration, as it is always a pleasure to be helpful in every way.

Sincerely,

JGF:dm

cc: Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

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George J. Haberman
208 Linnview Ave.
Pittsburgh 10, Penna.
January 15, 1963

Congressman Fulton
Capital Building
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Sir:

On January 4, 1963, the 'ounding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., while conducting its routine ceremonies, was suddenly and illegally raided by U. S. Marshalls, and its properties confiscated.

The raid was the result of an order handed down from the F. D. A. which claimed that the church was using a small battery-operated instrument purported to cure a great number of human diseases. Those who informed the F. D. A. of such, were liars of hugh dimension and certainly intended subversion.

The instrument is merely an emotional charge detector, used as a confessional aid. In itself it is a useless machine, used voluntarily.

When shall the U. S. Marshalls descend upon my church and prevent me from practicing the Freedom of Religion? Who are the tyrants behind this? Please investigate!'

Thank you,

George J. Haberman

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JAN 30 1963

Honorable Walter Norblad
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Norblad:

We have your inquiry of January 23, submitting a letter dated January 17 from Mr. Hayward H. Stephens, Oregon City, Oregon, concerning the recent seizure of the Hubbard Electro-psychometer.

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WALTER NORBLAD
FIRST DISTRICT
OREGON

OFFICES:
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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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SALEM, OREGON

1129 COMMERCIAL STREET
ASTORIA, OREGON

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 23, 1963

Administrator
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith correspondence received from Mr. Hayward H. Stephens of Oregon City, Oregon, regarding the Hubbard Guidance Center and the Hubbard Electro-psychometer, and it is self-explanatory.

Your advising me in this matter will indeed be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Walter Norblad

WN/c

WALTER NORBLAD

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STEVE'S RADIATOR REPAIR
1402 JOHN ADAMS ST.
OREGON CITY, OREGON

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Walter Norblad M.C.
1026 House Office Bldg.
Washington 25 D.C.

Return letter

Dear Sir:

As one of your 'vote every election' constituent I respectfully call your attention to the enclosure.

This violation of religious freedom by the government is of deep concern to me personally. The food and drug boys have the wrong sow by the ear for sure this time.

The 'bone of contention' in this case is the "Hubbard Electropsychometer" as I understand it. 'E' meter for short. I have had personal experience with it and own a similiar device that operates on exactly the same principle. It is simply a constant current generator with a very sensitive meter that will detect changes in nervous energy of a person. A persons' nervous energy will affect a constant current flow enough to read on a meter.

It can be of enormous value to a person who is seeking mental relief from annoying compulsions or detrimental habits, stronger than normal prejudices and extreme preconceptions which are quite often inappropiate and in bad taste.

Any person can get at the cause of these things and change them in himself to his own satisfaction with the help of a trained meter reader called an "auditor". A person engages an 'auditor' to read the meter for him and supply gently leading questions so that he may determine for himself where the areas of strong feelings are in his own mind.

Only a meter is sensitive enough to detect these areas of strong feeling and that is why it is used. With the help of an auditor a person can become

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emotion on any subject from 'up to nuts' it actually restores to a person his power to reconsider his positions and viewpoints. This is a truly welcome addition to a persons personality; they are a genuine pleasure to talk to.

An iron clad code of ethics called the 'auditors Code' prevents any interference with a persons thinking or ~~the~~ tampering with a persons mind by the auditor. This is a church ritual and is not secret. All things about the founding church and Scientology are strictly open and above board cards on the table sort of thing that I or anyone else can defend with vigor and without fear of censure.

The personal relationship between a person and an auditor is one of Ethical Trust of a terrific strength the likes of which we haven't seen for a long time, and is in almost no way an emotional entanglement.

This arrangement permits enormous increases in personal capability without becoming in debt to the auditor for personal gain in freedom. This is good.

So much for the explanation of the church. I would appreciate any attention you are willing to give to the matter.

On Mr. Kennedy's new tax bill; I like the principle and have to admit that a democrat can have a good idea. However, only one versed in government fiscal policies and requirements is in a position to judge whether or not it is practical or appropiate in its present form so the changes I will have to leave to you.

Very truly yours
Hayward H. Stephens

Acknowledge letter from Pres. Dwight
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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

January 23, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Bruce V Commerville

Food and Drug Administration

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

GPO 16-7982-1

William Proxmire, U. S. S.

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may 15 - 1963
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Caledonia Wisc

Dear Senator Proxmire;

I received this enclosed information in the mail 2 days ago. This is a religious organization my family, friends and I are interested in. How is it possible for something like this to happen in this country? Enclosed please find a sheaf of printed material that is self explanatory. Please read it and try to end this unfair, outrageous and brutal situation.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce V. Pomaville,
Family + Friends.

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Honorable Clair Engle
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Engle:

We have your inquiry of January 21, enclosing a letter dated January 16 from Lt. Colonel Hans M. Bischoff, Redlands, California, protesting the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, as being an attack on religious freedom.

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By direction of

GEORGE HAYDEN

U. S. S.

GPO 16-73597-1

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516 Alvarado St.
Redlands, Calif.
16 January, 1963

Senator Clair Engle
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Engle,

It has come to my attention that religion in this country is being attacked under the guise of protecting the health of the people. This attack occurred on 5 Jan 1963 when U.S. Marshals, under a warrant obtained by the Food and Drug Administration, raided the Church of Scientology in Washington D.C. and confisticated their literature and equipment. As you well know, this action is a gross violation of freedom of religious practice guaranteed by the Constitution and could have many far reaching results.

Although I am of a different religious faith, I have followed the activities of the Church of Scientology with interest for over ten years and am very familiar with their practices. I have copies of their books which deal with the creation of ability and the betterment and understanding of life. From personal observation I know that some amazing gains in ability have been made by people using the processes prescribed by this church. The fact that some illnesses of mental origin dissappear when a person's ability to handle his body and environment increases, cannot be construed as medical practice, since all religions attempt to obtain similar recovery from illness through prayer.

I am deeply concerned about this attack on religion. I urge you to investigate the unconstitutional action of the Food and Drug Administration and do all in your power to rectify this abrogation of religious freedom.

Sincerely yours,

Hans M. Bischoff

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Lt. Col.USAF

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The Distribution Center
Washington DC

January 29, 1963

Honorable Leonard Farbstein
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farbstein:

We have your inquiry of January 23, enclosing a letter from the New York Founding Church of Scientology signed by Mary A. Vonie, protesting the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D.C.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 23, 1963

Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Fourth St and Independence Ave.
Washington, D. C.

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Re: Miss Mary A. Vonie
The Founding Church of Scientology
200 West 24th Street
New York 11, New York

Very truly yours,

LEONARD FARBSTEIN
M. C.
19th District.

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THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
200 West 24th Street, Suite 401
New York 11, New York WA 4-1142

Dear Mr. Delaney,

As my district representative I am writing to ask your help on a matter vitally important to me regarding my civil liberties.

On January 4th, 1963 the Church that I belong to was raided by the Federal Govt in the form of the Food and Drug Administration. They took from the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington D.C., the equipment necessary to practice our religion and most of the books we use as a guide for spiritual fulfillment. I never dreamed anything like this could happen in our country ~~[illegible]~~ but as the facts, and I'm faced with the possibility of having to give up my religion. What happened to the 1st amendment in the Bill of Rights? Religious freedom seems to be diminishing.

Please, if you can do anything to stop this from happening do it as fast as you can. Your religion may be hit next.

Thank you,

Mary A. Vonne

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[redacted]

January 28, 1963

Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Hubbard E meter
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L. Ron Hubbard
Hubbard Dianetics Research
Foundation, Inc.
The Founding Church of Scientology
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In an old issue of the subject firm's "Ability" magazine an advertisement was noted which indicates that Mr. Charles Sturge of 211 Clarendon Street, Syracuse, New York, is developing a "Health Ranch to combine Scientology and organic gardening."

Please interview Mr. Charles Sturge to determine his understanding of the operation of the above-subject firms and their connection to "health" and "organic gardening."

Another edition of "Ability" indicates that Mr. Neil R. Brown of [redacted] Street, Albany, New York, was setting up a Dianetics Scientology Center. Please interview Mr. Brown and determine his understanding of the organization and its purposes.

Dr. Sylvan Stein, 323 South Winebiddle Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, should also be interviewed. Dr. Stein is believed to be a Doctor of Scientology. Please determine the significance of the title "Doctor."

Determine if these individuals are franchise holders and obtain a copy of the franchise if possible. Solicit their views on matters indicated in [redacted] briefing memorandum of January 24, 1963.

Van W. Smart

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

January 28, 1963

Mrs. Mary Alice Dillon
~~421-1/2~~ Goldenrod
Corona Del Mar, California

Dear Mrs. Dillon:

We have your letter of January 6 addressed to Mr. Larrick expressing satisfaction with the fact that the Food and Drug Administration has taken action against the E meter as used by scientologists.

We appreciate your effort to be of assistance and are asking that one of our Field agents visit you to learn the facts of your mother's experience.

The information supplied us by public spirited citizens who are willing to assist in our activities is of invaluable assistance and we appreciate such offers.

Sincerely yours,

K. L. Milstead, Deputy Director
Bureau of Enforcement

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January 28, 1963

Mr. Paul E. Hadlick
National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Several days ago you handed me some material which had been mailed to you by the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D.C.

Recently we have received a large volume of mail from citizens, clergy, Congressmen, and others who have been advised that we are undertaking to regulate religion. Attached is a copy of the factual material which we are sending in reply.

Personal regards,

Geo. P. Larrick
Commissioner of Food and Drugs

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Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Necessarily, all the facts will be given to the Court, in the hope and expectation that it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology ... will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed without authorization from him.

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A STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD FOR THE PRESS

January 5, 1963

"Although I have few details all I can make of this is that the United States Government, not some special interest using the government, has launched an attack upon religion and is seizing and burning books of philosophy.

"Spiritual healing being legal under the laws of the District does not in any way influence or explain this action. The meter neither heals nor diagnoses. We or any doctor know that. The books do not talk about healing. They talk of the Laws of Life and the Spiritual Character of Man. They are not subversive nor pornagraphic nor do they specialize in healing. So the charges are completely false and will soon be disproven in Court.

"As an author this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?

"We have won through many attacks. If there was anything truly wrong with us we would have fallen years ago. We are still alive and the sun never sets on our organizations. We will win through this one with ease as we have done nothing wrong.

"But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized or burned?

"As the author of those books I am shocked to be told not to speak to Man about Freedom or the Spiritual Laws of Life.

"Tomorrow you too may have to start being careful about what you write. If they let us continue to write at all."

L. RON HUBBARD

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A SECOND STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD January 6, 1963

Commenting on the recent armed raid on the Church of Scientology, under the direction of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the seized philosophical and religious texts which are sheduled to be burned or otherwise 'disposed of' by the U.S. Government, said:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President Kennedy my assistance and the help of Scientology in narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested ted from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise men's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when Kennedy had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realize that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. Kennedy on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, If President Kennedy did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUBBARD

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Mr. J. F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Twice within the past few weeks you have spoken publicly about the advancing of the human spirit, once at a banquet here in Washington, and again, to ex-prisoners of Castro, in Miami.

Therefore, I invite your personal attention to last Friday's raid, by U.S. Marshals, on a legally constituted church organization, The Founding Church of Scientology, at 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., in violation of the United States Constitution.

The purpose was to seize an instrument used in our confessional, and religious literature.

Mr. President, would you greet with equanimity, a loud interruption, by public servants, sworn to uphold the Constitution, of your private confessions to your priest? It happened here.

Please help to restore the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom by whatever means at your command.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. H. R. Angell

Rev. H. R. Angell
Director of Training
Academy of Scientology
Founding Church of Scientology

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Center

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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trustees: L. Ron Hubbard, President, Mary Sue Hubbard, Secretary, Marilynn Rossong, Treasurer
Church services · Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m.

WHAT IS THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY?

The Founding Church of Scientology is a legally constituted Church, domiciled in the District of Columbia.

It has branches in other states, and has many correspondents and members of its sister religious fellowship in all parts of the world.

The Church of Scientology is dedicated to the freedom of the Spirit. The entirety of the activities of the Church of Scientology are dedicated to this end, to the freeing of the Spirit of Man.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man is Man himself, not his body.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man can be saved from the burden of past sins, by the counseling and aiding of the Spirit.

Our ends are purely spiritual, not secular.

By the means of Scientology, we believe, Man can be made free and pure, free of the taint of past sin and free to do good to himself and his fellows.

Scientology believes in religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Scientology will extend the hand of friendship to all who are believers in Man as a Spirit.

Scientology is a deadly enemy of secular teachings as stated by such latter day philosophers as Marx and others of that ilk.

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to Survive.

STATEMENT BY)UNDING CHURCH OF SCIENT)LOGY,
WASHINGTON, D.C. January 5, 1963

The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad.

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church.

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the United States Attorney's office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized.

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery to the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Administration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United States. But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or to the Courts.

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khruschev in Russia.

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the United States Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organizations?"

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed ... as it should have been ... that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on January 4th. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food and Drug Administration on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded.

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854 Alexander Ave.
Merced, Calif.

Jan. 28, 1963

Hon. Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary,
U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Recently, an armed raid was carried out by an agency under your jurisdiction, the Food and Drug Administration, against the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C. Religious texts and electronic meters, I understand, were seized.

Prior to this about two months, the FDA interfered with the delivery to the Church of these electronic instruments used in the organizations religious activities.

I am not a member of this church but it distresses me nonetheless because it appears to me that a precious Constitutional guarantee has been violated: freedom of religion. When one church group can be persecuted and raided others can also. What illegal activities were supposed to have been going on to justify this action by your agency?

How long will it be before the Catholic church will be raided and literature and equipment seized? Or protestant churches?

Why is it that any time anyone begins to use scientific electronic meters as an adjunct to their work, the FDA leaps into action as if one were practicing medicine without a license? Is it that they have got so used to raiding the offices of drugless healers using electronic diagonostic machines not approved by the American Medical Association that they are assuming all such meters used by anybody for any purpose except orthodox organizations are fair prey?

Again and again I read of persecution of unorthodox methodology by FDA men, even in fields that seem to me to be quite removed from foods and drugs. By what authority do these inquisitors intrude themselves into the activities of a duly organized and recognized religious organization?

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It seems to me as a citizen, taxpayer and lover of freedom and constitutional government that the FDA's policing power has gotten out of hand. Now the tail seems to be wagging the dog. It seems that poorly educated people and poorly informed have got a lot of zeal and little knowledge. Please see what you can do. This needs to be investigated and aired.

Sincerely yours, B. S. Peavy

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FDA COPY

JAN 25 1963

Dear Mr. Pelly:

Your request of January 21 for comments on a letter you received from Miss Dorothy Ann Broeded, of Seattle, Washington, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Thomas M. Pelly
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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January 24, 1963

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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Congress of the United States

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CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND WELFARE,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Sir: 4093V SCIENTOLOGY

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

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Yours truly,

THOMAS M. PELLY
M. C.

FIRST DISTRICT,
WASHINGTON STATE

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1114 Taylor North
Seattle, Washington
January 17, 1963

Mr. Thomas Pelly
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pelly,

On January 4, 1963, my Mother Church, The Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C., was raided by the Agents of The Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Administration. At that time, there were 21 religious and philosophical textbooks seized, along with the instruments used in our confessionals.

Is this the start of religious persecution in the United States? Is this the start of burning of books? Am I to be denied my religious freedom, guaranteed me, by the Constitution of the United States?

Please, Mr. Pelly, help me in this unconstitutional attack on my religion. I am shocked that my government is using the same tactics that was the result of the Dark Ages.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dorothy Ann Broaded

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The Distribution Center
Washington D C

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

January 25, 1963

I received a phone call from the offices of Representative John F. Baldwin (representative from California) requesting information as to the seizure action involving the Hubbard E meter.

I briefly outlined the action taken by Food and Drug Administration and recommended that the complaint to which he referred be forwarded to the Office of the Commissioner for answer.

George D. Tilroe
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JAN 25 1963

Dear Mr. Broomfield:

Your request of January 16 for comments on a letter you received from Mr. Bob Smith of Royal Oak, Michigan was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable William S. Broomfield
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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January 24, 1963

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Deputy Commissioner

WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD
18TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

DISTRICT OFFICE ADDRESS:
1029 S. WASHINGTON
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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January 16, 1963

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Mrs. Jim Aiken
Congressional Liaison
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
HEW Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Aiken:

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One of my constituents, Mr. Robert Smith, 2419 Hawkins, Royal Oak, Michigan, has asked my assistance in regard to a seizure of records and property of "The Founding Church of Scientology" by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Smith's letter to me.

Any assistance you can give in this matter will be very much appreciated. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

Wm Broomfield

William S. Broomfield, M. C.

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2410 Hawkins
Royal Oak, Michigan
January 15, 1963

Honorable William Broomfield, M.C.
1422 House Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Bill,

About a week ago the Department of HEW seized the records and property of a 'church' in Washington, D.C.

It's called 'The Founding Church of Scientology' and is located at 1812 19th St. N.W.

As I've been studying the movement since its inception in about 1949, and have written several papers on it for psychology courses, I'd appreciate having someone on your staff call the Justice Department or HEW to find out what the story is. If you can send me the name of the prosecutor who's handling the case, perhaps I can even supply some information which he doesn't have. If they'd like, I'd be happy to talk with them when I'm in Washington next month.

This fascinating movement started in a science fiction magazine as "Dianetics, The Science of Mental Health". The book was on the best seller list for several months. What it was was a common man's guide to psychiatry, except, of course, it wasn't written in the terms of Freud etc. According to the book, anyone who read the book could go out and cure anyone with problems, by use of a hypnosis-analysis-free-association technique called 'clearing'. Soon clubs and 'processing centers' were set up around the country, particularly in California. Since then the organization has become more of a cult, and expanded considerably - even to the extent of centers in England and Africa. They have a state recognized church in Los Angeles, a monthly journal called 'Ability', and last year had a convention in Washington D.C. The man behind it is brilliant - L.Ron Hubbard, a former science fiction writer. It would be a very difficult organization to investigate, since their processing uses a combination of hypnosis and a 'lie-detector' they call an 'E-Meter'.

I would certainly agree that it is a bad and dangerous organization. But I wonder what laws they are being prosecuted under. The group appears to me as a more technically ~~efficient~~ proficient cult than a combination of the Rosacrusians and Christian Scientists would be.

I'm looking forward to your answer. Bob Smith

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Reverend F. W. Haverkamp
1423 North Greenbrier
Arlington 5, Virginia

JAN 25 1963

Dear Reverend Haverkamp:

You recently forwarded to our Division of Public Information a sheaf of papers protesting the recent seizure of E-Meter devices. Since similar material had already come to us from other sources we were already familiar with it.

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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The Academy of Scientology
The Hubbard Guidance Centre

THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

1312 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
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Sir,

I have the regrettable duty of submitting to you a sheaf of papers containing evidence of a serious attack on religious freedom.

Article I of the Constitution's Bill of Rights is at stake, and by this attack, the entirety of our civil liberties and constitutional freedom.

The papers are self-explanatory. I adjure you as a guardian of freedom to take heed and come to our aid, which is the aid of all lovers of freedom.

Sincerely,

John Fudge

Rev. John Fudge, D.D.,
Assistant Pastor,
The Founding Church of Scientology

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trustees: L. Ron Hubbard, President, Mary Sue Hubbard, Secretary, Marilynn Routsong, Treasurer
Church services: Sunday evenings 7:30 p.m.

WHAT IS THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY?

The Founding Church of Scientology is a legally constituted Church, domiciled in the District of Columbia.

It has branches in other states, and has many correspondents and members of its sister religious fellowship in all parts of the world.

The Church of Scientology is dedicated to the freedom of the Spirit. The entirety of the activities of the Church of Scientology are dedicated to this end, to the freeing of the Spirit of Man.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man is Man himself, not his body.

Scientology believes that the Spirit of Man can be saved from the burden of past sins, by the counseling and aiding of the Spirit.

Our ends are purely spiritual, not secular.

By the means of Scientology, we believe, Man can be made free and pure, free of the taint of past sin and free to do good to himself and his fellows.

Scientology believes in religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Scientology will extend the hand of friendship to all who are believers in Man as a Spirit.

Scientology is a deadly enemy of secular teachings as stated by such latter day philosophers as Marx and others of that ilk.

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to Survive.

Mr. J. F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Twice within the past few weeks you have spoken publicly about the advancing of the human spirit, once at a banquet here in Washington, and again, to ex-prisoners of Castro, in Miami.

Therefore, I invite your personal attention to last Friday's raid, by U.S. Marshals, on a legally constituted church organization, The Founding Church of Scientology, at 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C., in violation of the United States Constitution.

The purpose was to seize an instrument used in our confessional, and religious literature.

Mr. President, would you greet with equanimity, a loud interruption, by public servants, sworn to uphold the Constitution, of your private confessions to your priest? It happened here.

Please help to restore the Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom by whatever means at your command.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. H. R. Angell

Rev. H. R. Angell
Director of Training
Academy of Scientology
Founding Church of Scientology

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Necessarily, all the facts will be given to the Court, in the hope and expectation that it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ... who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology ... will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed without authorization from him.

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A STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD FOR THE PRESS

January 5, 1963

"Although I have few details all I can make of this is that the United States Government, not some special interest using the government, has launched an attack upon religion and is seizing and burning books of philosophy.

"Spiritual healing being legal under the laws of the District does not in any way influence or explain this action. The meter neither heals nor diagnoses. We or any doctor know that. The books do not talk about healing. They talk of the Laws of Life and the Spiritual Character of Man. They are not subversive nor pornagraphic nor do they specialize in healing. So the charges are completely false and will soon be disproven in Court.

"As an author this is the only thing that concerns me: The government has begun to seize religious texts. Apparently a burning of the books has begun in the United States. Where will this end? Complete censorship? A complete ignoring of the First Amendment? Are churches to be attacked and books burned as a normal course of action?

"We have won through many attacks. If there was anything truly wrong with us we would have fallen years ago. We are still alive and the sun never sets on our organizations. We will win through this one with ease as we have done nothing wrong.

"But is this the beginning of the end for Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion? And who else tomorrow or the next day will be subject to having his books forbidden, seized or burned?

"As the author of those books I am shocked to be told not to speak to Man about Freedom or the Spiritual Laws of Life.

"Tomorrow you too may have to start being careful about what you write. If they let us continue to write at all."

L. RON HUBBARD

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STATEMENT BY FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D.C. January 5, 1963

The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad.

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church.

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the United States Attorney's office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized.

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery to the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Administration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United States. But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or to the Courts.

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khruschev in Russia.

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the United States Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organizations?"

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed . . . as it should have been . . . that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on January 4th. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food and Drug Administration on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded.

A SECOND STATEMENT BY L. RON HUBBARD January 6, 1963

Commenting on the recent armed raid on the Church of Scientology, under the direction of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, L. Ron Hubbard, author of the seized philosophical and religious texts which are sheduled to be burned or otherwise 'disposed of' by the U.S. Government, said:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President Kennedy my assistance and the help of Scientology in narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested ted from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise men's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when Kennedy had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realize that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. Kennedy on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, If President Kennedy did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUBBARD

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JAN 24 1963

Honorable Barratt O Hara
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Hara:

We have your letter of January 15 requesting comments on a letter received by you from Mr. George E. Hawk, 6104 South Ellis Avenue Chicago 37, Illinois complaining that the recent seizure of E meters in possession of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C. violated the First Amendment of the Constitution.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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BARRATT O'HARA
2D DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS
1408 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

MARIE CROWE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

MEMBER COMMIT
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January 15, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick
Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Room 3360, Health, Education and Welfare
Building North
Fourth Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I enclose a copy of a letter written to me by a constituent on a subject of which I am completely uninformed. Since it refers to your Department, I am sending it to you for explanation and reply.

I shall appreciate your cooperation.

Cordially and sincerely,

Barratt O'Hara, M.C.

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6104 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

14 January 1963

The Honorable Barratt O'Hara
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman O'Hara:

Will you please do everything that you can to help restore the property and records of The Founding Church of Scientology which were seized by the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare? I'm not sure just what the Food and Drug Administration has to do with the Spirit of Man, but this incident must be the result of some sort of confusion. The action is, in my understanding of it, a violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution. I know that it is contrary to the public interest and a dangerous precedent.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George F. Hawk

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Hubbard E-Meter
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Distribution Center, Inc.
Washington, D. C., and
The Hubbard Communication
Office of the Founding
Church of Scientology, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

JAN 24 1963

Dear Mr. Pillion:

Your request of January 17, 1963, for comments on a letter you received from Mrs. Marie A. Lenczyk of Buffalo, New York, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable John R. Pillion
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Washington 25, D. C.

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Report from FDA
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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1963

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

January 17, 1963

Congressional Liaison Office
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare.

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

John R. Pillion M. C.

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January 17, 1963

Mrs. John Lenczyk
866 Clinton Street
Buffalo 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Lenczyk:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 14th, and the enclosed statement by the Founding Church of Scientology.

I shall be pleased to do whatever I can to be of assistance to you in this matter.

In response to your letter, I have already addressed an appropriate inquiry to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I have requested that agency to conduct a careful investigation of the comments contained in your letter.

As soon as I receive any information in this regard, I shall notify you.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John R. Pillion

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866 Clinton Street
Buffalo 10, New York
January 14, 1963

The Honorable John R. Tillion
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Tillion:

Would like you to know how I, as a good American, feel about the raid on the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington. I was always proud of the freedom we Americans enjoyed, but now I feel disgusted to learn that our government seized and burned religious books without notice or prior Court hearing.

Since last Spring I have been a student of Scientology, and have found it the most uplifting influence of my life. If any government official took the time and interest to learn the fundamentals of life, as taught in Scientology, and the exacting requirements to become a Minister of that Church, he would find that through its study and practice mankind has its first real chance to rise up the evolutionary scale.

There is a scientific instrument called an E-Meter used in the practice of Scientology, which is very helpful in the hands of a competent Scientologist in determining what items in a person's life have charge, and are affecting his mind. As the mind also affects a person's physical condition, by erasing those contents of the mind that are aberrative, any person can improve his intelligence and health. With the help of the E-Meter a trained Scientologist can read what factors are most affecting a person's thoughts and behavior.

I personally believe Dr. L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, is one of the most learned men of our time. Why a man of his stature, who has devoted more than thirty years of his life to helping his fellowman improve his physical and mental condition should be persecuted as he has been, is deserving of some explanation.

As an International Member of the Founding Church of Scientology, wish to emphasize that this is practiced universally, and no other government has ever interfered with its teachings. Surely the United States, supposedly the Land of Freedom, cannot justify its action in seizing the E-Meters from the teachers and students at the Founding Schurch of Scientology, as these instruments were privately owned by the persons using them.

There should also be some explanation forthcoming as to the seizure of E-Meters being imported from England for use by the Founding Church of Scientology Ministers here in America.

Am enclosing a statement from the Founding Church of Scientology which merits your study and consideration, and will be looking forward to hearing if there is something you, as the highly respected Congressman of this district, can do to see that this disgraceful action of the government is rectified.

Very respectfully yours,

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(Mrs. John Lenczyk)

Marie C. Lenczyk

January 5, 1963

STATEMENT BY FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, Washington, D. C.

The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food & Drug Administration of the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad.

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional Rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech.

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of U. S. Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church.

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the U. S. Attorney's Office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized.

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Adminstration interfered with the delivery to the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food & Drug Adm., and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the U. S. But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare, or to the Courts.

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khruschev in Russia.

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be so ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the U. S. Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organization?"

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed...as it should have been...that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food & Drug Adm. in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on Jan. 4. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food & Drug Adm. on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded.

Necessarily, all the facts will be given to the Court, in the hope and expectation that it will uphold the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion and expression.

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It is also hoped and expected that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare...who is of a different religious faith than the members of the Church of Scientology...will give his own, personal consideration to the facts of the pending case, which involves the Constitutional right of freedom of religion. It is not too late yet to correct the excesses of his subordinates, undoubtedly committed with authorization from him.

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JAN 24 1963

Honorable Thruston B. Morton
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Morton:

We have your memorandum of January 18 requesting comments on a letter dated January 16 that you received from Mr. William C. Neff, Ashland, Kentucky, which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains auditors, who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

Before making this seizure, a very careful investigation was made by our organization. The investigation developed that the E meter is nothing more than a simple galvanometer for conveying and measuring minute amounts of current which flow between two dissimilar metals. In a previous case involving a device of comparable construction, we had been able to establish that this type of machine has no value whatsoever in diagnosing or treating any disease of man. Nonetheless, the voluminous literature distributed by the Academy and the Guidance Center contains many representations that this device will treat and diagnose, detect and eliminate, all mental and nervous disorders and such serious diseases as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, radiation burns, and poliomyelitis, which are all classified as psychosomatic ailments in the literature.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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Congressional Liaison Office

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., January 18, *1963*

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Food and Drug Administration
Health Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

I would appreciate your comments

on the attached letter.

Thruston B. Morton

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2102 Diphon St.
Ashland, Ky
January 16, 1962

Senator Thurston Morton
Republican from Kentucky
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

It has come to my attention that the Food and Drug Administration of our government has interfered with the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Bill of Rights. This is not right or just.

I am referring specifically to interference by seizure of property concerning the Founding Church of Scientology located at 1812-19th St. N.W., Washington 9, D.C.

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a letter was sent to me informing me of this action.

It sounds quite bureaucratic to me with my present information, but, with what I have read and been associated with in connection with Scientology, I can fully state that such action by AAP group is unwarranted and in violation of justice.

That the matter seems hush-hush makes me wonder who is really the instigator.

I am looking forward with concern awaiting proper action to see that religions, as well as other freedoms, guaranteed under the Bill of

Rights is not flagrantly violated.

Sincerely,

William C. Neff

JAN 24 1963

Honorable Katharine St. George
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. St. George:

This replies to your letter of January 22 requesting comment on a letter you received from Elizabeth M. Hinternhoff, Suffern, New York, which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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KATHARINE ST. GEORGE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1963

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Honorable George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from one of my constituents regarding material which was supposedly confiscated by the Food and Drug Administration from the Founding Church of Scientology.

I would very much appreciate receiving information upon which to base a reply to my constituent.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine St. George

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33 S. Airmont Rd
Suffern, NY
Jan. 17, 1963

The Honorable Katherine St. George
The Congress of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. St. George,-

An almost incredible thing has come to my ears lately, Mrs. St. George, and I would like to ask you, as my representative, to look into the matter. I have been told that the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Research, has recently seized books and machines belonging to the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C. (1812 19th St. N.W.)

I have read some of the books on this movement and have attended some of their lectures and I cannot see where they could possibly be considered anything but extremely conscientious and dedicated to the ideals which our United States has stood for , throughout the years , that of spiritual and mental and physical freedom of man.

The machine in question, is one used in their practices , a variation of the lie-detedtor , used to acquaint the individual with his own reactions, feelings of guilt, etc, and used only inthe handsof persons who are trained to use it.

The shocking thing to me is the version I have heard of how the matter happened. I heard that Hubbard, the founder of the movement, on a recent visit to Washington , told an acquaintance of his in the government , that there was one thing of which he was certain, there was no Communist infiltration of the church membership. When asked why he was so certain, Hubbard is reputed to have said that the use of the machine in confessional services made it impossible for the individual to lie about such matters.

Within a few months, suddenly the headquarters was swooped down upon(Hope this is good English) and the books and meters were seized by order of the US Dept of Health ,W and Ed.

If this is true, as I have been told it is,,I think it is a serious matter and aims directly at the freedom of us all. Incidentally I have heard that L.R. Hubbard was an officer in the US Navy, I believe in World War II.

You may remember my husband, John F. Hinternhoff, who interviewed you for one of the newspapers a number of years ago. He is also the author of a couple of historical novels. I am a teacher in Rockland County in the public schools here.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth M Hinternhoff

Elizabeth M Hinternhoff

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~~Washington, D.C.~~, and
The Hubbard Communication
Office of the Founding Church
of Scientology, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Grant:

Your request of January 17 for comments on a letter you received from Mr. James H. Rolen, P. O. Box 21016, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Georgia, was forwarded to the Food and Drug Administration and we are enclosing a copy of the report furnished by that agency.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable George Grant
~~House of Representatives~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure
Report from FDA
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HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

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January 23, 1963

Report of the Food and Drug Administration regarding the letter from Honorable George Grant, dated January 17, 1963, with which he submitted a letter from his constituent, Mr. James H. Bolen, concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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John L. Harvey

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

JAN 24 1963

SIGNED AND MAILED

GEORGE GRANT
2D DIST., ALABAMA

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AGRICULTURE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Akin:

The attached letter, which is self-explanatory, has just been received from Mr. James M. Rolen.

It will be greatly appreciated if you would have this matter looked into and advise how I may appropriately reply to Mr. Rolen's inquiry.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

P.S.: Please return the enclosed letter with your reply.

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JAN 17

P.O. Box 21015
Emory University
Atlanta Ga.
January 15, 1973

Hon. George Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Brown:

I am the nephew of John D. Churchwell, the Asst. Postmaster in Montgomery, and also a close friend of Doug and Helen Amos. I am currently enrolled in The Candler School of Theology at Emory University preparing for The Methodist Ministry.

I have been informed, in a cursory fashion, in certain ideas of the founding Church of Scientology making its rounds in Washington, D.C. Today, I received a letter from The Founding Church of The Scientology meeting from The Drug and Food Administration and I partly confirmed certain of their suspicions. If this is an infringement upon the rights of a religious organization, as a lover of and to constitutional freedoms, I am interested.

I know you will be as curious as I to learn just what has transpired in the above matter. I will appreciate any information you may be able to glean and pass on to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Rolen

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January 24, 1963

Mrs. Phyllis K. Orcutt
Grossville
New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Orcutt:

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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Gossville
New Hampshire
14 January 1963

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Food and Drug Administration
U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Within recent years, I have become increasingly distrustful and disgusted with the actions of those in government on all levels, but particularly on the Federal level. Today I was informed of a most alarming seizure of the property of the Church of Scientology in Washington, D. C.

I became interested in the philosophy of this organization in 1951 at which time it was known by another name and made no reference to religion. Through study and processing, my whole concept of life improved to a point where I have been able to live a much more productive, healthy, and happy life. My study of the science inspired me to read books on various religions to find out to my own satisfaction what religions were about, how and why they were started, and why they do not teach the basic truths of life today. I found out! The reason is no different than the reason for the seizure of the property of this organization!

Those who seek power and glory for themselves, do not welcome the teaching of truth and freedom. In the past, there have been many communists in the inner circles of our government. Apparently, there are still many, maybe more. I don't know whether to think this action was instigated by communists or by politicians bent with a lust for power. Certainly, it was not done by anyone desirous of a free way of life.

The trend toward socialism has been greatly speeded up, so this may be the reason. If those responsible for centralizing government in Washington really believe it best for the nation, why are they not honest enough to speak truthfully to the people. There is a considerable amount of unrest among the taxpaying citizens who feel helpless and that the country has been taken from them.

Our Constitution is supposed to be based on religious principles. Likely, this is considered outdated by sophistocates. With a leadership based on a strong faith and belief in a Good God, we could again have a country which would inspire patriotism. In order for me to feel patriotic, or to uphold our government, it is necessary for me to deny Truth and the principles upon which Life is based. There is a lot going on which is not in the best public interest, but under the label "classified", so we suckers, the tax-payers, do not have an inkling of the selfish, deceitful attempts to gain power, fame, and dictatorial force.

Phyllis K. Orcutt
Mrs. Phyllis K. Orcutt

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Mr. Anthony J. Celebrezze
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Celebrezze:

On January 4, 1963 the Food and Drug Administration caused seizure of religious materials and confessional instruments from the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., by armed U.S. Marshals. The FDA represented to the Court that the instruments were used to "diagnose and treat" ills of the body and mind, and that the papers constituted mislabeling of the instruments. These statements and representations are untrue and surely result from a gross misunderstanding of the nature of the Church of Scientology and its confessional methods. The seizure is illegal and irregular in principal and in detail.

The Founding Church of Scientology is legally established in Washington and conducts regular services, weddings, and baptisms, as well as an extensive program of religious counseling and education.

The instruments in question are refined versions of the psychogalvanometer which is a component of the polygraph, or "lie detector". It is widely understood by the Church and its Ministers, as well as doctors, psychologists, and police officials that the instrument responds to hidden or unknown, emotionally sensitive thoughts, or stimuli. As such it can be used as an aid to the discovery of the truth of a person's life, which is necessary to his spiritual enlightenment and freedom from the destructive effects of unconfessed sins.

As a member of the Church, I have participated in many confessions and have received immense personal benefit which has helped me to be a more sane, able, and responsible citizen, better fitted to aid the defense of the Nation through my professional skills as an engineer. I have made an extensive study of the teachings of the Church and have nowhere found it represented that the confessional instruments would diagnose or treat anything. The benefits I have received have resulted entirely from my own inspection of my mind and life under the guidance of a minister of the Church of Scientology.

I am sure that the recent seizure of the religious materials of the Church was without your knowledge or consent. It does constitute an illegal interference with the religious affairs of the Church in violation of the First Amendment. It is a violation of my private right to seek religious counsel of my own selection.

I respectfully request that you investigate the matter and restore to us the articles and texts necessary to the pursuit of our religious activities.

Respectfully,

R. Michael Carrell

R. Michael Carrell

209 Washington Avenue
Haddonfield, New Jersey
January 16, 1963.

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 24 1963

Dear Senator Douglas:

The Secretary has asked us to reply to your letter of January 16 concerning the letter you received from Reverend Adele Frederick, of Chicago, Illinois, about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

cc:
Congressional Liaison Office

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January 21, 1963

Dear Senator Douglas:

Your request for information on which to base replies to Reverend Adele Frederick and Mr. George F. Hawk of Chicago, Illinois, has been referred to the Food and Drug Administration. I am sure you will hear from them soon.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Jim Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Hon. Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

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United States Senate

January 16, 1963

Respectfully referred to
Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary of Health, Education, and
Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Paul H. Douglas, U. S. S.

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re: letter from Reverend Adele Frederick
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Honorable Paul Douglas
109 Old Senate Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

It has come to my attention that on January 4th, 1963, a small army of marshals directed by the F.D.A. descended on the Washington, D.C. Church of Scientology and confiscated books, literature and electrometers.

Since this is forbidden by the 1st Amendment to the Constitution and endangers our Bill of Rights, I feel that you, a staunch defender of our rights, will be interested in checking into the matter and helping restore religious freedom to this church, which is truly devoted to making man a better being.

Thank you for any assistance you can give.

Sincerely yours

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Honorable Lister Hill
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 24 1963

Dear Senator Hill:

The Secretary has asked us to reply to your letter of January 18 requesting a report on a letter you received from Mr. James M. Rolen of Atlanta, Georgia, concerning a recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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January 22, 1963

Dear Senator Hill:

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This request has been referred to the Food and Drug Administration. I am sure you will receive a prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Jim G. Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Hon. Lister Hill
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C.
January 18, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Honorable Anthony J. Celebreeze
Secretary of Health, Education, & Welfare
~~Department of Health, Education, & Welfare~~
Washington 25, D. C.

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By direction of

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Letter from Mr. James M. Rolen
P.O. Box 21016
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

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P.O. Box 21016
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Ga.
January 15, 1963

Hon. Lister Hill
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Hill:

I am the nephew of John C. Churchwell, The Assistant Postmaster in Montgomery, and am currently attending The Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

I have been interested, in a cursory fashion, in certain ideas of The Founding Church of Scientology which is domiciled at 1812 19th Street N.W. in Washington, D.C. Recently I received a letter from The Founding Church of Scientology stating that The Drug and Food administration had illegally confiscated certain of their properties. If this is an infringement upon civil liberties of a religious organization, as a lover of our constitutional freedoms, I am interested.

I know you will be as anxious as I to learn just what has transpired in the above matter. I will appreciate any information you can pass on to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Rolen

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JAN 24 1963

Honorable Wayne Morse
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Morse:

Mr. George Russell of your staff requested, by telephone on January 23, of our General Counsel's office information regarding the recent siezure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Deputy Commissioner

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Honorable Francis E. Walter
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 24 1963

Dear Mr. Walter:

We have your letter of January 15 requesting comments on a letter dated January 14 that you received from Mr. Charles Jeffrey Cox, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Deputy Commissioner

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FRANCIS E. WALTER, M.C.
15TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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KATHLEEN HAGENBUCH, CLERK

Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee...

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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15 January 1963

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George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I have received from Mr. Charles J. Cox, R. D. #5, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, concerning the seizing of records and property from the Founding Church of Scientology.

I will appreciate it if you will furnish me with a complete report on this matter.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis E. Walter

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14 January 1963

Hon. Francis E. Walter
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Walter:

A serious situation has come to my attention concerning the Founding Church of Scientology, at 1812 19th St., NW, Washington 9, D.C.

On Friday, Jan. 4, of this year, a group of United States Marshalls, on the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, entered, with a warrant, the premises of the church and seized records and property.

More than two months ago the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery of instruments imported from Europe that were used in the work of the church. Ample evidence was submitted to the Baltimore office of the F&DA showing that the detention was illegal and in contravention of the constitution.

No ruling has yet been passed by federal court. With full knowledge of the pending ruling, the marshalls seized books and stated that they would burn them or dispose of them. This of a religious organization that has no connection with faith healing, supernaturalism, or other pseudo-religious practices. The church is founded on the philosophy that men can be made spiritually richer by tracing their past through recollection to qualified men.

Sir, I have no connection with the church, I know of it casually, and I am of the opinion that they are a whimsical group of unusual philosophers, but I blench at the complete and utter [illegible] the first amendment to our constitution and the qualifications for search and seizure set forth in that document. The Jehovah's Witness cases laid the principle for this type of action, and the government has no right to destroy the property of this legally constituted religious group.

Please, for the sake of our religious safeguards, discern for yourself the legality of the case and take appropriate action.

A resident of your district, I am a reporter on the Daily Record. Say hello to Frank Yohe for me.

Sincerely,

Charles Jeffrey Cox
RD 5
Stroudsburg, Pa.

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JAN 24 1963

Honorable William Henry Harrison
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

This replies to your letter of January 21 requesting information about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1963

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Mr. George P. Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I have received a request for information as to why the property and records of the Founding Church of Scientology were seized by your organization.

I do not have any information concerning this group, but I would appreciate it very much if you could give me the reasons your action was taken, together with any other helpful information.

Sincerely,

Bill Harrison

William Henry Harrison

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The Distribution Center
Washington DC

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Mr. Worth Rowley
Cummings & Sellers
Commonwealth Building
1625 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

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Geo. P. Larrick
Commissioner of Food and Drugs

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Honorable Silvio O. Conte
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Dear Mr. Conte:

As requested by Mr. Powers, of your staff, by telephone on January 11, we are setting forth below the facts relating to the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Thomas B. Curtis
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Dear Mr. Curtis:

This is in reply to your letter of January 14 requesting our comments on a letter you received from a resident in Missouri relating to the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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2D DISTRICT, MISSOURI

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January 14, 1963

Mr. George P. Larrick
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

I have been contacted by a resident of Missouri in regard to the confiscation of a property of the Founding Church of Scientology. I am quoting a portion of this letter to give you the ideas of the gentleman who wrote me and I would appreciate very much having your comments on the points which he raises:

"Last week U.S. Marshalls entered the Founding Church of Scientology located at 1812 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., and confiscated all of the E meters found on the premises. It is my understanding that this was done at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration.

"Invasion of a church is in violation of the First Amendment, and I urge you to use your influence to have these E meters returned at once.

"These E meters have no curative powers and are not represented to heal or cure anyone. They are similar to a lie detector.

"The Church of Scientology uses these in a process that would be similar to 'confession' in the Catholic Church. Instead of a person confessing whatever 'sins' they care to confess, the Church of Scientology uses a long list of questions that would cover almost any sin committed by anyone. Often the sin that is causing the most guilt is the one a person is most reluctant to talk about. The E meter is used to indicate whether or not the person has covered everything covering the question asked such as, 'Have you ever committed adultery?' The New Testament teaches us that we should 'repent.' In order to repent, the Church of Scientology has found that it is first necessary to confess all sins.

"Another process used by the Church is as follows. Most people blame a lot of their troubles on someone else. The minister runs down a list of people such as mother, father, husband, wife, employer, etc.

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to see which one is bothering them the most. The E meter will indicate this. The following process is then run. Say it was mother that bothered them the most; the two following questions would be asked:

"1. Think of something you have done to mother.

"2. Think of something you have withheld from mother.

"These two questions would be run until the E meter indicated that there was no emotional charge left. As you can see, the above two questions are also a form of confession."

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Tom Curtis

THOMAS B. CURTIS.

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JAN 23 1963

Honorable Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

January 16, 1963

SCIENTOLOGY

Respectfully referred to

Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Paul H. Douglas, U. S. S.

GPO 16-73937-1
PHD:aks
re: letter from Mr. George F. Hawk,
6104 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois

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Chicago 37, Illinois
14 January 1963

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Sincerely yours,

George F. Hawk

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January 21, 1963

Dear Senator Douglas:

Your request for information on which to base replies to Reverend Adale Frederick and Mr. George F. Hank of Chicago, Illinois, has been referred to the Food and Drug Administration. I am sure you will hear from them soon.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Jim Akin
Congressional Liaison Officer

Hon. Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

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JAN 23 1963

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Javits:

We have your memorandum of January 15 requesting comment on a letter dated January 14 that you received from Mr. Melvin Bear, 1650 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn 30, New York, which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Geo. P. Larrick
Commissioner of Food and Drugs

cc:
Congressional Liaison Office

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United States Senate

January 15, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Food and Drug Administration

Melvin Bear

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

GPO 16-7550-1

Jacob K. Javits

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Honorable J. Caleb Boggs
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Dear Senator Boggs:

This is in reply to your memorandum of January 17 requesting comment on a letter dated January 16 that you received from Robert H. Guilford, Chancery Court Reporter's Office, 201 Public Building, Wilmington 1, Delaware which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

January 17, 1963

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Respectfully referred to

Mr. George Larrick, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Robert H Duiford

with thanks for ~~such favorable consideration~~ as the communication herewith submitted warrants, and for a report thereon, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

By direction of

J. Caleb Boggs U. S. S.

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Surgeon General's Reporter's Office
201 Public Building
Wilmington 1, Delaware
January 16, 1953

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Hon. J. Caleb Boggs
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Boggs:

On Friday, January 4, a large force of U. S. marshals entered the premises of the Reading Church of Scientology, 1812 19th Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C., a legally constituted church organization. There they seized church property and religious and miscellaneous texts. I am informed that this raid was made without warrant, and also no record for the legal process.

I invite your attention to this because I am a member of this church. It seems very clear to me that this violation, whether through stupidity or design, has occurred as a dangerous invasion of one of our basic Constitutional rights--freedom of religion--and that this action must not be allowed to stand as a precedent. I appeal to you to use your good offices towards exposing this situation and correcting it.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Guilford

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The Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Honorable John V. Lindsay
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lindsay:

This is in reply to your memorandum of January 17 requesting comments on telegrams from Reverend & Mrs. S. H. Thomas, New York, New York, and Roger S. and Greta D. Tobie, New York, New York, and letters from David Ziff, 200 West 24th Street, Suite 401, New York 11, New York, Tym Mott-Smith, 180 Claremont Avenue, New York 27, New York, and David R. Birrell, c/o Sabia, 53 West 74th Street, New York City, all of which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C., as being a violation of the first amendment of the Constitution.

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John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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To	Referrals and Recommendations
W. N. S. =	Mr. Powers, of Congressman Conte's office called and referred to his 1/11/63 phone conversation with you on Scientology. He has the impression that we now are sending out some typed or mimeographed material on this matter, which he could send to his constituent, and he would like to have a copy. Perhaps a copy of one of our recent outgoing approved + comprehensive letters would suffice. He said to address it as: Mr. Powers - Room 118 House Office Bldg Wash. 25, D.C. J.T.C.

This form to be used in lieu of yellow Agency Route Slip when requesting comments or recommendations.
Division name only to be used in "To" column. If individual is to be designated, indicate name in body of form to right of division.
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JAN 23 1963

Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Dirksen:

This is in reply to your letter of January 16 requesting comment on a letter dated January 14, that you received from George F. Hawk, 6104 South Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois, which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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Everett McKinley Dirksen
Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

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The Honorable George P. Lennon
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Department of Health, Education and Welfare
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Dear Mr. Lennon:

I would appreciate any information or comments you might have regarding the situation discussed in the enclosed letter from [illegible] 405 South [illegible] Avenue, [illegible], Illinois.

[illegible] hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senator

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6104 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois
14 January 1963

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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George F. Hawk

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Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1963

Mr. Marlin Ballard
Coordinating Minister
Universal Christian Church
8648 Oakleigh Road
Baltimore 34, Maryland

Dear Reverend Ballard:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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The Distribution Center, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga
~~House of Representatives~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Matsunaga:

This replies to your request for comment on a letter of January 8 from your constituent, Stanley W. Standal, Ph.D., protesting the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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The Hubbard Communication Office of
the Founding Church of Scientology Inc
Washington D.C.

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Honorable Robert H. Michel
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Dear Mr. Michel:

Mr. Beecher of your staff has asked Mr. Stephens of our Bureau of Enforcement, by telephone, for information regarding our action against a device known as the E meter, on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

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If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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January 22, 1963

Honorable J. Vaughan Gary
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gary:

This replies to your letter of January 16 requesting comment on a letter you received from ~~Mr. Harvie Creecy,~~ 4100 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

Before making this seizure, a very careful investigation was made by our organization. The investigation developed that the E meter is nothing more than a simple galvanometer for conveying and measuring minute amounts of current which flow between two dissimilar metals. In a previous case involving a device of comparable construction, we had been able to establish that this type of machine has no value whatsoever in diagnosing or treating any disease of man. Nonetheless, the voluminous literature distributed by the Academy and the Guidance Center contains many representations that this device will treat and diagnose, detect and eliminate, all mental and nervous disorders and such serious diseases as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, radiation burns, and poliomyelitis, which are all classified as psychosomatic ailments in the literature.

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J. VAUGHAN GARY
3D DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

ANDREW H. MCCUTCHEON, JR.
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS

January 16, 1963

OC

Mr. George P. Larrick
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Room 3360 HEW Building North
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larrick:

A constituent, Mr. Harvie Creecy of 4100 Grove Avenue in Richmond, Virginia, has written me and expressed his objection to the recent action taken by the Food and Drug Administration relative to the Founding Church of Scientology here in Washington. I am not familiar with the facts in this case and will appreciate a complete report so that I can advise my constituent of the circumstances.

Mr. Creecy is of the opinion that the First Amendment to our Constitution was violated in this action.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Vaughan Gary

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Honorable George A. Smathers
~~United States Senate~~
Washington 25, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Dear Senator Smathers:

This replies to your memorandum of January 17 requesting comment on a letter dated January 14 that you received from Mrs. D. A. Young, RR 1, Box 77, Ocala, Florida, relating to the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the E meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people s health.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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United States Senate

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Washington, D. C., January 17, 1963

Respectfully referred to

Office of the Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Dept. Health, Education & Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

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Your advice on the attached for the guidance and protection of my constituent will be appreciated.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

G. A. Smathers

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January 14, 1963

SEN. GEORGE SMATHERS
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The Honorable George Smathers
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

I am enclosing a sheaf of letters that were sent to me today.

Would you, please, look into their case. I do not know them personally. My contacts with them have been through correspondance only. I have read and studied their book "DIANETICS -The Modern Science of Mental Health" and passed the first section of their course. It is my understanding that some of the colleges are using the above book in their Psychology classes, and their text and some of their ideas have been mentioned in other psychology text books.

Our Constitution is a good one and our Freedoms are very precious to us. I don't like to see anyone treated unfairly.

Thank you for any assistance you may be able to render them.

Respectfully yours,

Eleanor Young

(Mrs. D. A. Young
RR 1 Box 77
Ocala, Florida)

Please return to
George Smathers
United States Senator

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JAN 23 1963

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
~~United States Senate~~
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Javits:

In response to a telephone request of Mrs. Gertrude Scheer, of your staff, on January 17 we are detailing below the facts about the recent seizure of a number of B meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C.

This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act against the B meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors," who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health.

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Sincerely yours,

John L. Harvey
Deputy Commissioner

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Congressional Liaison Office

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The Distribution Center, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

JAN 23 1963

Honorable Emanuel Celler
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Celler:

This is in reply to your letter of January 18 requesting comments on a telegram from Roger S. and Greta D. Zubic, 1812 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., concerning the recent seizure of a number of E meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D. C., as being a violation of the first amendment of the Constitution.

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DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date January 22, 1963

The attached is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

The Honorable
The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Remarks:

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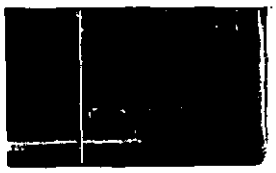

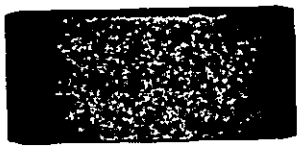

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Distribution Center
Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1963

Mr. George F. Hawk
6104 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hawk:

Your letter of January 14 to Mr. George P. Larrick, requesting information about the seizure of a number of E-meter devices on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, has been referred to this office for reply.

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Goldhammer, Director
Division of Regulatory Management
Bureau of Enforcement

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In Reference to: The Founding Church of Scientology:

Sir:

We and I imagine a lot of other people have received literature from this organization, with a lot of information which I doubt is false, but misleading. The facts are not to clear and we would like to find out what has actually happened between the government and what they call " a church, and a religion"

I know that Mr. Hubbard has previously been connected with a science that he called "Dienetics" and is in a religion now.

We would appreciate it very much if you could see to it that we are provided with the facts. There are accusations of burning of books and seizing literature from the church.

Thenkyou very much,

Mrs. James Conrad

1112 P St.

Renton, Wn.

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Jan. 18, 1963

Hon. Anthony Celebrezze
Dear sir: Hello!

I appreciate your very difficult position as you are bombarded on all sides by conflicting interests. I am writing regarding the Food and Drug Commissioner who seems to be "straining at gnats" (health food stores, chiropractors, naturopaths, and scientologists) and "swallowing a camel" (the powerful food manufacturing companies who are poisoning the nation). We, the Public, object to having our freedoms taken away. We want to be able to go to the doctors and stores we like and have treatments and vitamins that help us. Specifically, I am referring to the very unjust and senseless raid upon the Church of Scientology, and destruction of their books and property. It is as foolish as if the Govt. were to come into our house and seize our bathroom scales. The machines and graphs of the Scientologists are not doing anyone any harm — in fact, they are very helpful to those who want to use them. And they are not trying to force these things on anyone. Why cant we have the benefit of these wonderful new discoveries?

Personally, I was helped mentally and spiritually more by a little Scientology than I was by a long period of psychiatry. The claims the scientologists make may sound

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exaggerated and unreasonable, but they are not! and they should have been thoroughly tested before being accused and raided. Actually Scientology should be taught in all colleges, used as a therapy in all schools, prisons, and mental health institutions. What a glorious help it would be counteracting juvenile delinquency and all kinds of illnesses! Of course the A.M.A. and psychiatrists are opposed to these advanced techniques because they are superior to their methods. It is a pity that the Gov't. doesn't use Scientology in the mental institutions instead of the inferior and ineffective methods used everywhere. I am close to Atascadero State Hospital and know that even the doctors and technicians there need Scientology for their personal improvement, as well as for the patients' cure. It makes my heart ache that they don't know about Scientology — and if they did, would not be allowed to change the "status quo."

Please be careful not to condemn new theories, techniques, treatments, cancer cures, and products without testing them. But we do want to be protected from drugs that may be deadly and from poisons added to our food.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs. Estelle Brotherton
3797 Ardilla
Atascadero
Calif.

January 18, 1963
1608 Burt
Wichita Falls, Texas

Hon. Anthony Celebrezzi
Dept of Health, Education & Welfare
Washington, D.C.

RM

Dear Sir:

I would like to direct your attention to the Food and Drug Administrations January 5th attack on religious freedom. On that date they sent Federal Marshells into the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. They seized property and records without notice or prior Court hearing for the church.

Will you please look into this matter for yourself and do what you can to restore the property of the church to its rightful guardians. Those responsible for this attack should be sought out and exposed for their contemptable deed.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter.

Sincerely
Mrs. Glen Gibbins

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Director, Federal Food and Drug Administration
Washington, DC

Dear Sir,

At your instigation U.S. Marshals entered and seized property and buildings of the Founding Church of Scientology, 1812 19th St. N.W., Washington 9, DC, early this month. I have been associated with this organization for two years and know of nothing to warrant this drastic action.

Please has one of your subordinates made a grave error, Or could you explain what makes the organization so dangerous to warrant such aggression?

Sincerely,
Sid Finch

628 C 45th St.
Oakland 9, Calif.

Peter J. Crockford
Postal Box 23
Masontown, Penna.
January 17, 1963

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

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requested.
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Pursuant to my Open Letter of January 14, 1963:

Having owned and experimented with an Electropsychometer or "E-Meter" the writer has come to the following conclusions:

1. That the machine operates, most likely, upon the same principle as the manual system of the so-called lie-detector. Since truth is an abstraction, it is presumed that the machine measures the perspiration secretion of the palm, which characterizes mental stress, with resultant increase of current draw, or that it measures changes in the electro-galvenic density of the body of the subject, or both.

2. Since the writer did not dismantle the machine, he assumes that it, like the lie-detector (actually, a psycho-somatic stress detector) draws current from the human body; further, that the "E-Meter" must ~~measure and/or~~ amplify that current or otherwise alter it, in order to operate a needle on a dial of measurement; further, that since they do "work", the other controls on the machine represent electronic refinements or modifications relating the household current that activates the machine with the current drawn from the body of the subject.

3. That in experiments conducted with friends, the writer found that even the mild embarrassment caused by the surprise question "What do you really think of me?" was noticeable as a rise on the meter, and that the mention of "mother" on known 'mother's boys' caused a rise to the limit of the dial, or what Mr. Hubbard calls a "Rock Slam".

3. On the basis of the foregoing and more extensive study, I consider the "E-Meter" a useful adjunct to psycho-therapy of any kind and do not see how it could fail, when in proper working order, to record or indicate psycho-somatic stress indicating a connection between certain words, concepts, personalities, dates, et ali, and any given mental disorder. I believe that the E-Meter would be more effective than a stopwatch for measuring reaction to word association tests, inasmuchas 'psychiatric' patients are notoriously adroit at shielding every clue to their disorders.

Copies: FCS
DHEW
President John F. Kennedy

Signed

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Peter J. Crockford
Postal Box 23
Masontown, Penna.
January 16, 1963

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FOUNDING CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

This will certify that the writer is in nowise connected with the Founding Church of Scientology or any Dienetics or Scientology organization by membership, business interest, or association with any related organizations. His sole interest in the FCS is in its value to humanity and its rights under the Constitution. This letter relates to statements and copy of a letter to the President of the United States from Rev. R.H. Angell, which were received by the writer, and is based upon the assumption that the facts therein are true. It is written in ignorance of any evidence against the FCS itself, without knowledge of the private characters of any of its members.

The writer has no knowledge of the teachings of the FCS other than that contained in the forementioned statements, but presumes they are consistent with the various writings on Dienetics and Scientology. His knowledge of Dienetics and Scientology was gleaned from the book entitled "Dienetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health", An advance course on Dienetics, various copies of the magazine Ability and pamphlets on the subject of Scientology. While the writer is not a licensed mental therapist and possesses no degree in psychology, as a well-read, thinking individual he considers the doctrines of Dienetics and Scientology as he knows them, to be far more reasonable and practicable than those of any other system of psychology and/or psychiatry so far as soundness of principle is concerned. The article contained in Issues 143 and 144 of Ability, entitled "A Critique of Psycho-Analysis" I consider to be a sound and true indictment of the inefficiency of psycho-analysis and the inhumanity and psychopathology of 'Russian Psychiatry' with its brutal applications of drugs, electric and chemical shock treatments, and use of the scalpel to the end of maiming instead of healing.

Further, this writer condemns the scurrilous attack, mainly argumentum ad hominem, contained in Martin Gardner's "Fads And Fallacies", in which Gardner makes the insane statement: "Of all the defenses which can be made of dienetics, the defense that "it works" is the most irrelevant." Gardner proceeds to compare Dienetics with so-called 'faith cures'; this writer submits that the lack of faith cures in the many statistical failures of psychiatry and psycho-analysis might be due patients having lost faith in them because of their failure, and that their few successes might be attributed to 'faith cures' inasmuchas any 'faith cures' have been proven to be statistical minorities in cases where 'faith cures' are the avowed intent. For that matter, Jesus the Christ was not a psycho-analyst and the writer does not subscribe to the hypnotic conviction theory of faith cures or by this implication compare any therapist with Christ.

The mentioned article has recourse to the vilest techniques of propaganda, including legal libel by quote. It is of interest to this writer that 'pocket book publicity' (usually more or less cautious smears) and/or radion, television, or newspaper publicity of the less desirable sort is often followed by governmental legal action, as in the case of James Hoffa, and he inquires into the who and wherefore of this fact.

The action taken against the Founding Church of Scientology is, in the opinion of this writer, consistent with the religious persecution of the Amish re Social Security and Public Schooling; and with other acts of discriminative aggression indicating a policy of federal centralism, such as the impounding of the purses of Patterson and Liston, the use of troops instead of warrants at Mississippi, and the persecution of the Northern League by Selective Law Enforcement. According to the known-facts, this writer considers the stated ideals of the FCS to be wholely humane, sound of value and laudable of intent. Unless the federal government has facts pertaining to a real and actual infringement of law by the FCS, he can only conclude that the raiding of the FCS is one more unConstitutional act on the part of the federalists and/or their agents.

In the unauthorized opinion of this layman, the F.D.A. would do better to consider its own sins of omission than to pursue a course of action that can only lead to the handicapping of what I consider to be the greatest and most flexible of individualistic philosophies to come out of this century, with the possible exception of that written by Ayn Rand. Dairy products, including icecream, continue to be marketed without labels indicating their ingredients, if-any adulterants, if-any colorings, and/or flavorings and/or poisonous preservatives. Substances known to be deadly and/or cumulative poisons continue to grace our water, our bread and our canned goods. Diabetes and cancer continue rampant, possibly because of the prevalence of sugar and inorganic chemicals in processed foodstuffs. Substances proven to be carcinogenic are still to be found in our devitalized foods and our drugstores; ref. "The Life And Death of Cells" by Joseph G. Hoffman, Hanover House, 1957. While the F.D.A. should be striving for a blanket law requiring that any substance to be taken internally or applied externally by humans, bear a label describing all ingredients and that such ingredients if poisonous or carcinogenic be so indicated, -- it is apparently engaged in pursuing phantoms instead of numbering known murderers.

Finally, the writer does not condone the prosecution or persecution of any group or organization, however sound or unsound, until that group or organization has been legally proven to be an aggressive one and a threat to the health, welfare, or individual rights of others.

Very truly yours,

Copies: F.C.S.
Secretary, DoHEW
President John F. Kennedy

Peter J. Crockford

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PHONE
MYRTLE 5-3188

Dr. Ruth L. Surfield
Osteopathic Physician
7 SOUTH PINE STREET
TREMONT, PA.

January 18, 1963

Mr. Calabrese, Sec'y
U.S. Dept. Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Calabrese:

It has come to my attention that you department with United States Marshalls instituted an armed raid on the Founding Church of Scientology (1812 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.) in violation of the United States Constitution.

Could this be, Mr. Calabrese, because you are a Roman Catholic that you are going to attack these small religious groups? We know too well the intolerance of the Roman Catholic Church against other religions in countries where the Catholic Church dominates, such as Italy, Spain, Portugal and certain South American countries.

I am not a member of this organization but I am in sympathy with their motives. They are Patriotic American Citizens. I wish I could say the same for some members of your department.

I wonder if you would condone a similar raid on your own church?

Are you aware of this dastardly act that occurred in Washington,,D.C., on January 5, 1963? If so--- shame !!!! If not, then dosomething about it to return some semblance of guarantees of Freedom of Worship.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth L. Surfield

Dr. Ruth L. Surfield

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R.D. #1, Shelby, Ohio
January 16, 1963

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Mr. Anthony J. Celebreze
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.
Washington, D.C:

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As an Ohioan who is familiar with your record in Cleveland, I was shocked and surprised to hear of a recent incident involving the FDA and several Federal Marshalls.

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That this could happen in our country is frightening to say the least. The instruments seized in the raid (and that is the only thing one can call it), are used in the confessional of our church.

Whenever a church is persecuted and prevented from going about its normal business of saving souls, then the government of the country involved would seem to be going the way of Germany and Soviet Russia.

As a school teacher I am very much interested in keeping the separation of religion and education intact, but as a human being I am equally interested in preserving the religious freedom of this country intact also.

The events of January 4,1963 would seem to be a clear-cut abrogation of the Constitution of the United States, article 1.

Many of the local clergy to whom I have mentioned the above incident have become quite incensed regarding the matter.

I am sure that you personally did not cause the incident to come about, but I am sure that you personally can look into the matter. If the facts are examined, I am sure that you will come to share my outrage. I feel sure that you as a religious man and one who has a well formed sense of propriety will do whatever you can regarding the matter.

Thanking you for your time and interest, I remain

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Your fellow countryman,

Max Clay

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TRUE COPY

Howard W. Johnson
1785 Carlyon Rd.
Cleveland 12, Ohio
January 15, 63.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I recieved this letter. This "Scientology" concern has sent me literature for a long time. Being a protestant I am not in agreement with their church plan, but they do seem to be doing a constructive work that shows promise of possibly greatly benefiting humanity. I feel convinced they are not in approval of un-American activity. I hope you will check on the consistency of their attack by a government agency. Thank You very mutch !

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REV. JOHN A. SCHERZER, D.TH., PASTOR

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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DATE Jan. 1st 19

To: Secretary, Dep. of Health, Education & Welfare
U.S. Government

Sir: The attached material came to my desk by regular mail this morning. Obviously, it is one-sided and incomplete. My confidence in the integrity and efficiency of your department is not at all affected by the charges and claims of this material. In case you have not been advised of its distribution, allow me to place this material into your hands for whatever disposition you consider proper. I do not wish it to be returned.

Sincerely

(Dr.) John A. Scherzer, Pastor
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P.S. For reply use P.O. Box 8288

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2145 Lakeshore Highway West.,
Oakville, Ontario. Canada
Jan 10/63

The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re: Investigation of Scientologists

Gentlemen :

A news item on a Toronto radio station came on the air last Saturday Jan 5th, with an item of interest to me. I am at the present time in the process of getting some Washington papers to read about this particular item, which mentioned at the time, that The Scientologists, who are located in Washington and elsewhere, are being investigated and have their machines taken from them and this news item went on to say that they claimed they could cure people, and that Ron Hubbard, who is at the head of this crackpot organization was not available for comment at that time.

I would like to state to you my own experience with this racket and it is that my husband (who has since disappeared), took this course for three months from July till October of 1951, and I myself did visiit him in Washington for a week end during that time, and as you probably know are located in Central Washington just off the main street. I know at that time they were a fraud. My former husband took this course to the tune of $3500.00, for which course he had to borrow the money, because they had to have the money for this course in advance; and which debt was left for me to pay because after taking this course, he deserted me the following year and during the time since he had taken the course he had kept in touch with them and also bought one of their machines with which they work. Do not underestimate my former husbands mentality, because he was extremely clever and thought that this had something to offer. He has not been seen or heard of since, altho he cashed a $500.00 cheque in Mexico somewhere, as the company he was working for let me know when it was cashed and if he is in the States with this outfit of Scientologists, he is there illegally. My lawyer wrote to both Washington and New York to these people at the time to get some papers signed from him, with no reply and we have not persued it any further, because I certainly do not wish to bother with him.

I know if I recall correctly that they had on the back of their literature, that in a case of emmergency - that they are located

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in Maryland. I am only mentioning these things to you to help you know just what a racket this thing is and Ron Hubbard in it should be exposed, and I know there were others taken for a ride like myself in Canada and I have had to work since he disappeared to pay off this $3500.00 debt he left and it has taken nearly everything I had to keep up to it. I have long since disgarded all their literature, but I do recall them mentioning in their literature that they had been sued before but were not worried, but believe me these people do need investigating because they break up peoples home and take money that people cannot afford and have people going around in a trance. In fact one of their sneaky representatives came up here to Oakville once a Louise Sudrow (sox she called herself) supposedly married to a Dr. Sudrow in their New York office, drumming up business for further courses! You may find some of these people who take this course at The Elmwood House if it is still there - for your information my former husbands name is Gordon Wm. Stanley, not unless he has changed it and is living under an alias in the States.

I did not mean this to be a long epistle, but I had to do some explaining and was quite pleased when I heard this on the news- for at last someone has got wise to them and felt that I had to write and hope I have been of some service.

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Stanley

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date January 16, 1963

The attached is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Remarks:

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Hubbard Electrometer
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Distribution Center, Inc.
Washington, D. C., and
The Hubbard Communication Office
of the Founding Church of
Scientology, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1963

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL

Between: Mr. Beecher, Assistant to Congressman Robert H. Michel (Illinois)

M. R. Stephens, Director, Bureau of Enforcement

Mr. Beecher indicated that several members of a religious group in Illinois had been in touch with Congressman Michel to protest the activity of the Food and Drug Administration here in Washington in connection with the Scientology machine seizure for what Mr. Beecher characterized as an attack on religion, freedom of the press and individual rights.

We told Mr. Beecher that we have no intention of doing any of these things but what we have done, and which apparently brought about the protest, is the seizure of a number of therapeutic devices that we believe are seriously misbranded because of false and misleading therapeutic representations.

He wanted to know if we could send him some information on the matter and we assured him we could and would do so in the near future.

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TELEPHONE
LUDLOW 2-7366

January 8, 1963

United States Food and Drug Administration
Division of Public Information
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you please send me whatever information your department has on file on the Hubbard Electrometer, also known as the Hubbard E Meter. I am informed this device is used in connection with the teaching of scientology.

A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Armstrong

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PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE
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1379 Potomac Avenue, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

January 7, 1963

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The President of the
United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

This is written in protest to the action taken through U. S. Marshals by the Food and Drug Administration in seizing Electrometers and written materials from the Academy of Scientology.

The methods used in Scientology to help people to overcome mental aberration is the most complete and effective method [illegible] methods, called Processes, were developed and are still being developed by thorough research and used only after proven gains by preclears. (The word "preclears" describes a person not Clear, the latter word meaning clear of mental aberration.) Compulsions and harmful considerations are reached and recognized through these processes. The E-meter is used to speed this process. The newspaper stories have given the erroneous impression that claim is made by Scientology that the machine does the work. Scientologists, who have the most elevated respect for the human intellect, are the last people on earth to say a machine could perform cures in the thinking capacity of man.

I became convinced of the effectiveness of Scientology processes only after being processed.

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The gains I made were rapid, constructive and enduring. They have helped me become a more helpful, aware, intelligent person and a far better citizen of my country.

When the E-meters were seized I, with several others, were processing and being processed on a new extremely fast process which even in one session cleared up difficulties which were making my relations with my son and others in my family far from harmonious. This process cannot be run with complete validity without an E-meter.

I cannot state strongly enough my knowledge of the constructive value of the workings of Scientology, and I would appreciate your help in speeding the legal processes of releasing these machines so that we can proceed with our work.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stephens

(Mrs.) Margaret Stephens

P. S. I appreciate the efforts of the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies in protecting American citizens from harmful or falsely advertised persons or products and welcome the investigation of Scientology as long as there is doubt of it as a helpful organization and religion. Why couldn't our E-meters be left to us, who know of its worth, while the investigation was being made.

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This is the main damage, excepting newspaper misquotes of the aims and practices of Scientology. When people want to improve, are willing to spend time and effort to do so are hampered by their government in these efforts, it is the most basic affrontery and damage to individual freedom. Please help us to continue with our work.

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KS2 - As for the misquoted excerpts in the papers of conversations with Scientologists and papers confiscated in the raid on our premises about our efforts to disseminate Scientology to people, yes, we do wish to spread what we know. When anyone is really helped, they desire to help endlessly for the welfare of our country, will appreciate this.

Again, thank you,

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2620 16th Street N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.
January 7, 1963

Mr. John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On Friday, December 4, U. S. Marshals, acting on behalf of the FDA, invaded the Church of Scientology and seized a quantity of literature and a number of electronic devices called E-meters. The marshals were acting under a court order alleging that the meters were falsely represented as cure-alls and that they did not have adequate operating instructions.

As a citizen of the United States, I protest this action on the following grounds:

1. The first allegation is false. Scientology has never claimed that the meters can cure anything.

2. The second allegation is ridiculous. No operating instructions are needed, since the meter is an extremely simple device, and is used only by or under the direction of personnel trained in its use. This allegation is also false, since complete operating instructions are supplied to practitioners of Scientology. Furthermore, the device is absolutely harmless, since it contains no high voltages.

3. The action was taken in absolute secrecy. The Church was not given the customary prior notification of violation and opportunity to correct the alleged illegal conditions. There was no warning whatsoever until the marshals invaded the Church, disturbing many persons in the midst of their sessions. This is reminiscent of the police-state methods of Hitler and Stalin.

4. The victims of the seizure were given an unusually short time, only ten days, to institute legal action to recover their property and answer the charges.

5. This action violates constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. Though its beliefs and practices may appear to differ from those of other religions, Scientology is nevertheless a bona-fide religion, in the most literal sense of the word.

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6. In seizing and suppresing Scientology publications, the marshals have violated constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and of the press.

7. Scientology is not a false cult or a fraud. Scientology and its practitioners are engaged in a sincere and effective effort to help individuals to understand themselves and to improve their emotional and physical state; and thereby, hopefully, to improve world conditions. I can personnaly attest to the effectiveness of Scientology processes, having been associated with the movement since 1950, having known numerous persons who received benefit from it, and having in my own case received benefits worth infinitely more than the few hundred dollars I have spent on it. Since I am a physicist, trained in logic and critical reasoning, I feel reasonably well qualified to state that I am not a victim of hypnosis or positive suggestion.

I strongly urge you to do what you can to ensure that the cause of justice and liberty is served in this case.

Respectfully yours,

John G. Marson

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